



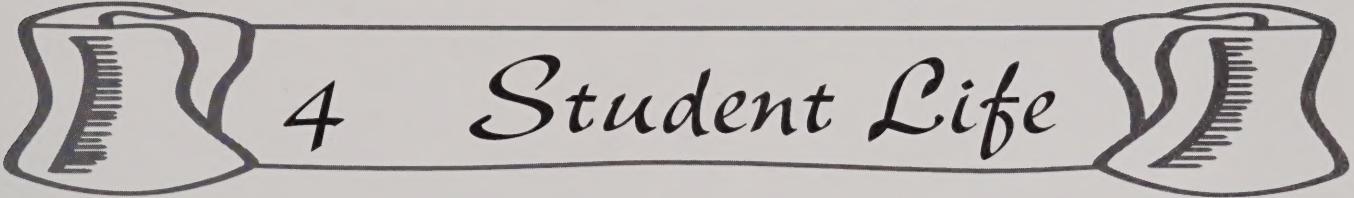
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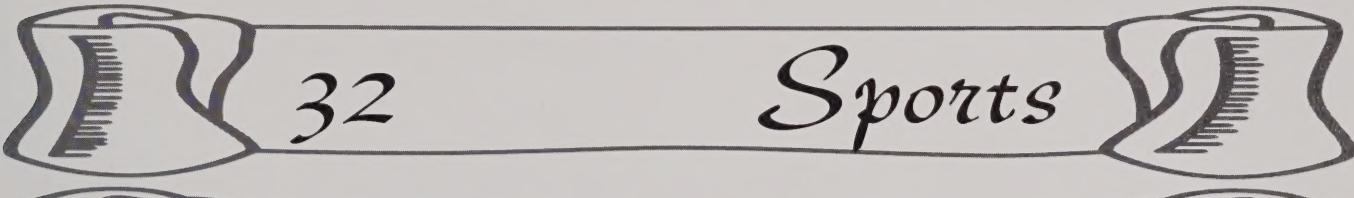
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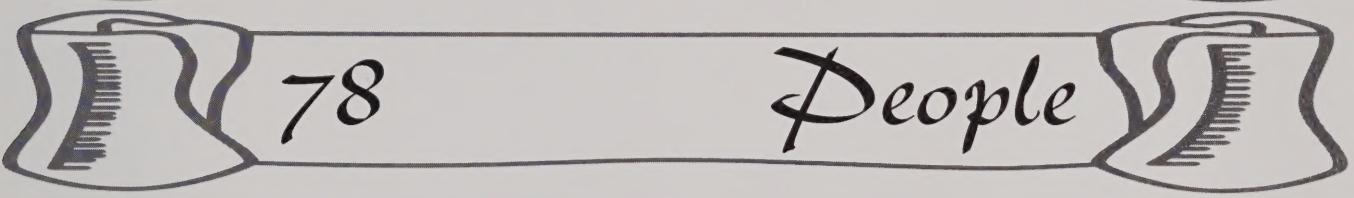
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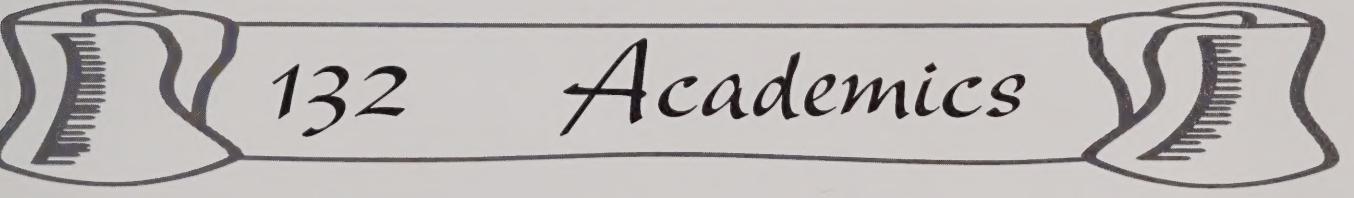
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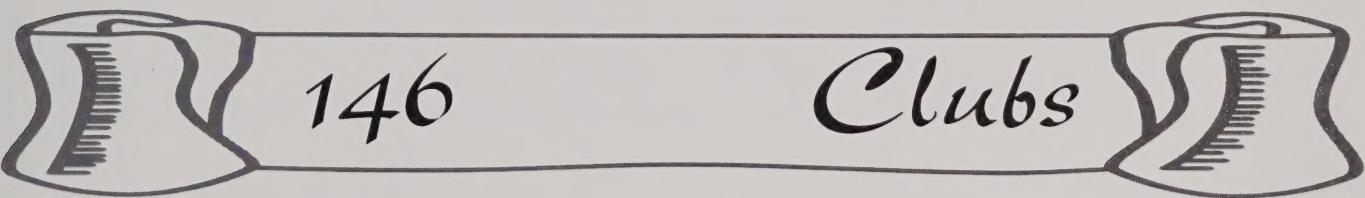
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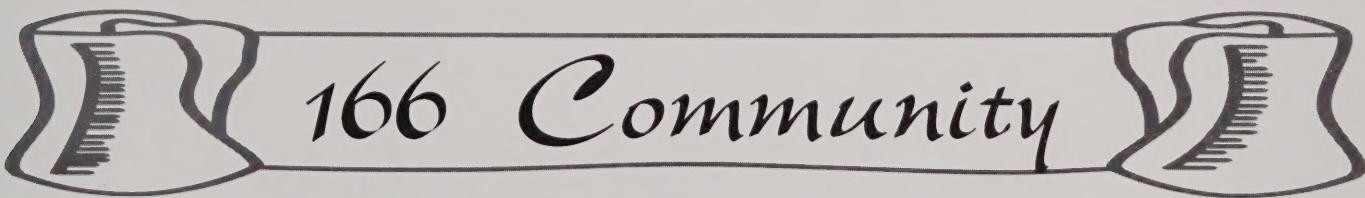
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A video in the making at After Prom gets Scott Sines moving. Students could make their own music video from a huge selection of titles.

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With the new principal Mrs. Lynn Bell, students saw that many old regulations were now being enforced. Mrs. Bell is working with Kim McBride.

Not an uncommon sight at the beginning of the year, Heather Hanline is aided by Billy Stoner. The older more experienced students helped the new ones.

With the beginning of school came the resounding cheers of the Varsity Cheerleaders. After a summer of individual energy, the cheerleaders had a big job ahead of them to excite the students about school and sports.



One project that was completed early in the fall was the paving and lining of the track.

The efforts of many students went into making this mural. It shows what the youth of today hope for as their future and the future of their children.





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what

"Getting back to school (after summer vacation) was good," Steve Parisau, junior, said. "Playing soccer was good, too. It was a relief to have a season to take a break from work."

The familiar sounds of another year starting graced the halls in late August. Teachers and students sharing their summer experiences and vacations was a great way to start the year.

"It usually takes me a while to get back into the groove of taking classes," Matt Walthall, junior, said. "I'm used to getting up late. I'm just used to slacking off."

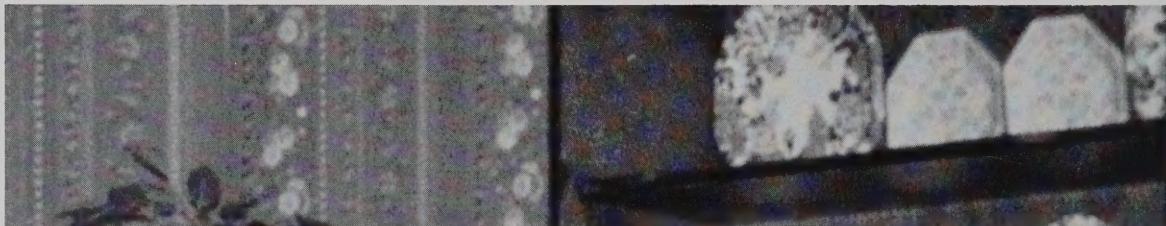
Although the return to school meant giving up the freedom gained over the summer, some students felt the return might as well be accepted because it was going to happen no matter what.

"As much as I hate coming back to school, I think about seeing my friends and all the fun I had the year before," Marshall Rodeheaver, sophomore, said. "I like the challenge that learning presents. I know it's the only way to get ahead in life."

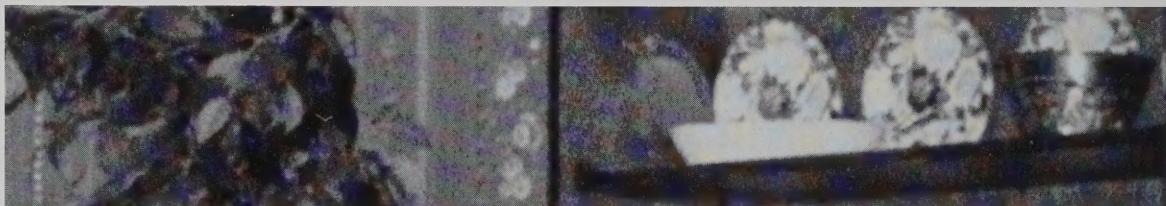
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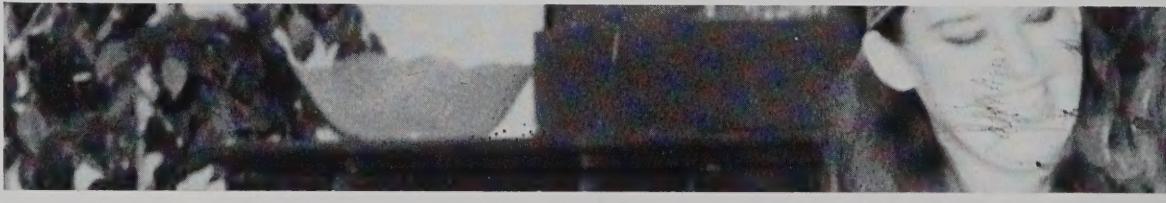
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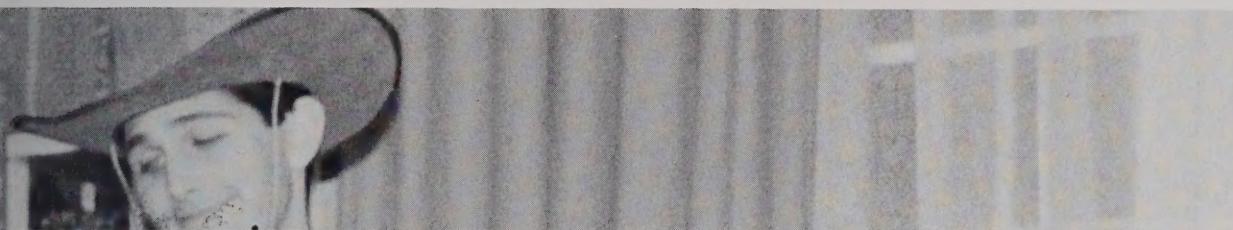
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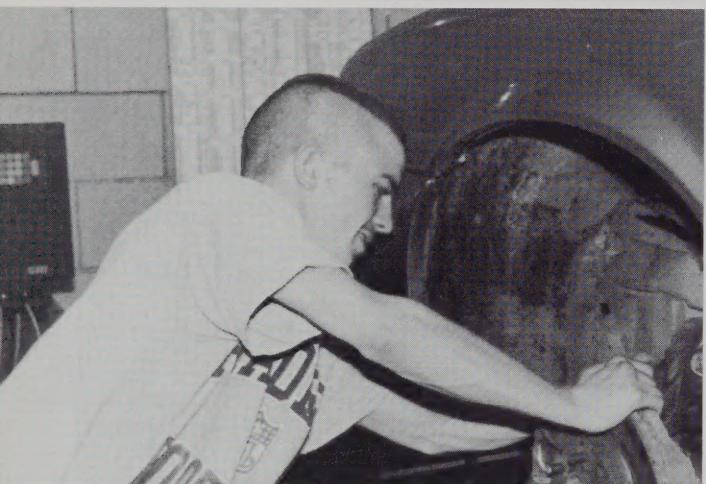
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Drawing for art class keeps Nick Rohrbaugh busy. "In the future, I plan to use my artistic talents in some form of advertising. I think it's a lot of fun influencing people, even if it's to buy some lousy product. Buy! Send more money!"



Carefully using a saw to down size a board is Keith Hebb.

"I'm going to a technical school," Paul Friend said as he works on a car in Auto Mechanics. "I owe a lot of credit to Mr. Tom Powers. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't know anything about Auto Mechanics."



"When I graduate from high school, I am planning on going to the University of Maryland to become a Civil Engineer," Matt Zimmerman said.

Sharing his second love (football) with the love of his life (Deni Lynn Shaffer) is Seth Tressler. "I plan on going to college to play football and then if Deni doesn't ditch me, get hooked up and settle down."





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The world outside of High School

They wanted
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Wearing his eye protection while working with a machine in Machine Tool is John Hinebaugh. As a part of this class, John had to cut bushings for a Department of Natural Resources Rescue Basket Dolly.



By Sharon Ringer

"I wish I could do half of the things I'd like to do and accomplish half of the things I want to accomplish," Elizabeth Sines, senior, said. "What my realistic goals are is to go to college to become an accountant and later have a family. If I could do what I really wanted to do, I'd help anyone who needed it, but realistically, I don't have the courage."

In the world outside of high school, some parents were not financially able to give their child an education after graduation.

There were a few programs that would cover some of the expenses of going to college. There were also many scholarships that could be earned. However, there is never enough money or scholarships to cover everyone who deserved a college education and couldn't afford it.

There were some people who could afford or could earn a college education and preferred not to pursue it.

"I plan to become an employee of

"I hope to go to a four year college and get a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Engineering," Jesse Ashby said as he was filling an application out to WVU. "Then I'm off to the real world to find a job and a wife. I would like to have a family and a nice home. To put it in one sentence, I would like to prosper and live forever or die trying."

"I'm going to marry Kevin Tasker. I'm not sure as to what I'm going to do with the rest of my life," Cheryl Dilsworth said



a large escort service," Corey Friend, senior, said. "I believe this occupation would prove to be a prosperous one."

Many students said that college was in their best interest. A few said they would like to get married.

"Since I am a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant), I plan to attend ACC's nursing program and go on to become an RN (Registered Nurse)," Joni Thomas, junior, said. "Maybe while I'm in college, I'll get my own house and get married."

Some students had very high hopes for the future.

"I would like to become a professional baseball player or a comedian," Chad Troshak, junior, said.

Many students' hopes and dreams were the same. They wanted to go to college, find a good job, have lots of money, or get married and have children.

"I plan to live at high altitudes," Sam Tuomisto, senior, said. "I also want to visit Corey's escort service on a daily basis."

Being in the top three percent of your senior class come with some perks, such as being able to drool in the fountain at Busch Gardens. Janice Plauger and Sarah Fike let a loogie dribble down their chins.



Every once in a while you have to stop and smell the flowers. Janice Plauger, Anna Marc, and Sarah Fike enjoy the moment at Busch Gardens.

Manly men! Or fish out of water, however you want to look at it. A couple of beach soccer players take a brief respite in the sand, just long enough to pose for a few photos.



After dinner on the wonderful bus ride home, seniors take time out for the camera. Please remain seated at all times.

Relaxing in the sun during the Cinco de Mayo Festival (May 3), seniors enjoy their trip away from the cold. The day started out sunny, then a thunderstorm struck, and then it was sunny again.





While some students enjoyed videos and comfortable

seating, the poor children on the school bus rode in the searing butt pain agony.

Turn on, Tune In, Drop Out

By Josh Teets

5 a.m., May 2. *Snoopy* never did show up to sniff our bags. I think we were all quite upset. The three buses, one of them a lousy school bus, rolled out of the lower parking lot at about 5:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Breakfast! A stop at the local, lovely McDonald's refreshed us all. "Other than having to eat at McDonald's, the bus ride down to Virginia Beach was cool," Sarah Fike said. "I really enjoyed the charter bus, and the fact that I got to ride in it both ways."

10 a.m. While some students enjoyed videos and comfortable seating, the poor children on the school bus rode along in the searing butt pain agony.

12 noon. Busch Gardens! Home of roller coasters, souvenir shops, lots of food emporiums, and other great stuff. After waiting for our tickets for 45 minutes, we raced into the park to explore what riches it might harbor.

7 p.m. The herd once again gathered onto the buses for a quick jaunt over to the mall for some grub.

10 p.m. Finally, we're at the beach. Being one road up from the beach

Just don't ask why Eliza Covello does what she does!



Chaperone or baby-sitter?
Rita Powell and Mr. Doug Oxford show just how much they enjoyed their time together at Busch Gardens.

Ahhh ... the beach. Nothing more romantic than sunlit walks along the shore. A group poses on the Virginia Beach shore line.



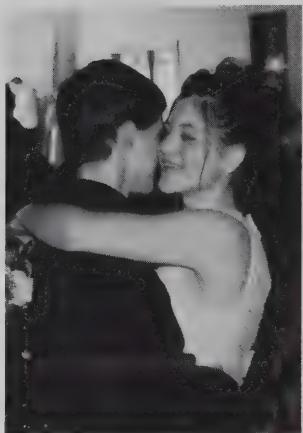
itself and having its own pool, the *Viking Motel* was an enjoyable place to stay. "Senior trip was a great end-of-the-year bonding experience," Jenny Finkel said. "People who were never really friends in school were hanging out on the trip. I think it was a huge success."

Morning, May 3. Everyone went their separate ways: some explored the beach, some hit the tourist shops, others found their way to the Cinco de Mayo festival, and still others played in the Haunted Houses.

Evening, May 3. The ride home was a catharsis from all the built up energy we got playing in the sunshine. Gently swaying buses, the white noise of students chattering, and night fall lent the ride a quiet ambience. Happiness was in the air.

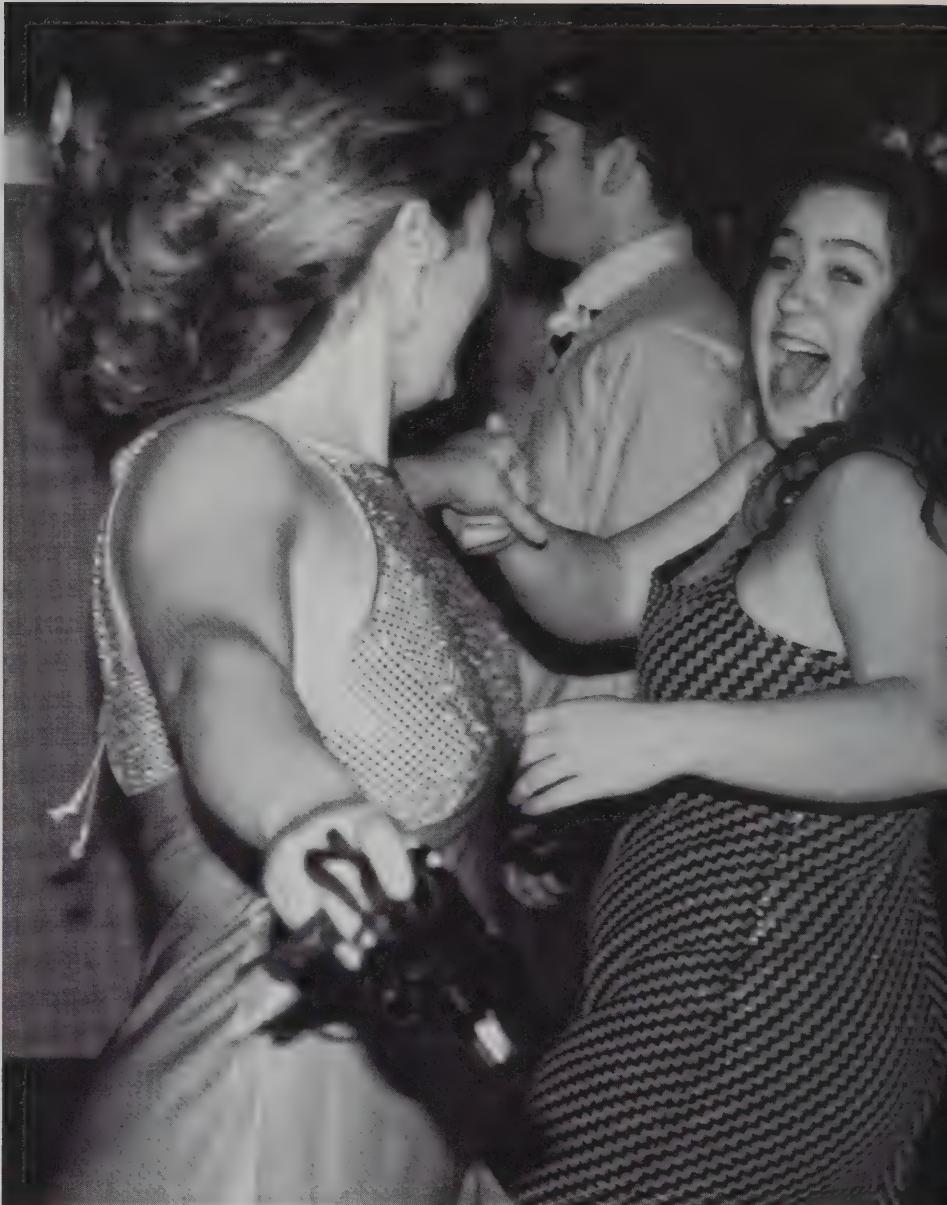
"It was one of the best trips of my life," Rita Powell said. "I felt like I was a part of a huge family. I spoke to people who I didn't know very well before, and I got to know how great they are. I'll never forget this trip. I wish it would have lasted longer. I didn't get to speak to everyone. I realized how much I loved my class and how thankful I am to have been with them."

Exchanging greetings as they pass each other on the dance floor are Kerri Cannon and Kandice Shomo. Memories were made as the seniors celebrated their last homecoming together.



Representing the junior class is Sean Conroy and Michelle Teter. Sean was on the Wrestling team and Michelle played Girls' basketball.

Court members include seniors Mike Flanagan escorting Kandi Ashby, and Nathan Rickman escorting Sarah Fike



Court members include seniors Jay Ferguson escorting Rita Powell, and Ryan Adams escorting Kandice Shomo.



As her friends look on, Missy Simmons shows off her groovy dance moves. Many students took advantage of the dance floor and made total fools of themselves while others preferred to sit at tables quietly and watch.



Students
and their
dates
dance
under silver

A time to and black balloons to the music of 'Z and Company.'

By Carrie Filsinger

Weeks after the last basketball was shot, the Student Council kicked off the traditional spirit week at a time when no spirit was in the air.

The Student Council chose new activities for spirit week including medieval, cooking, and Greek days, all of which saw very little response. "Spirit week was stupid," Liz Paezani, junior, said. "There was nothing to cheer about and nobody participated."

Winter Homecoming was very late due to the possibility of the basketball teams being involved in a state championship game. It was held during the beginning of the spring sport season.

Students and their dates danced under silver and black balloons to the

Twin brother and sister Aaron and Lauren Newcomb dance together as king and queen to the song *Desperado* sung by the Eagles. Girls' Basketball Coach Bill Dignan had the honor of crowning the king and queen.



A breather away from the dance floor finds Shelley Winters and Howard Croso taking a break as they enjoy a cool drink. The Student Council provided refreshments for all who attended.

Court members include freshmen Josh Bosley escorting Heather Hanline, sophomores Reggie Ridder escorting Sheri Perando.



music of *Z and Company*. The DJs were Mr. Dave Zimmerman, Mr. Derek Spirk, and Ms. Wendy Craver.

"The big advantage to Homecoming was the music improved tremendously because they didn't play as much 80's music," Shelley Winters, junior, said.

As people danced to the music, including the theme song *Desperado* by The Eagles, memories were made and plans for the rest of the evening developed.

"I will always remember homecoming because I got to spend it with new and old friends," Mark Ludwig, junior, said.

For the seniors, it was the last of high school homecomings, but for the first time in recent memory, Lauren and Aaron Newcomb, twin brother and sister, were elected as king and queen of the Winter Homecoming dance.

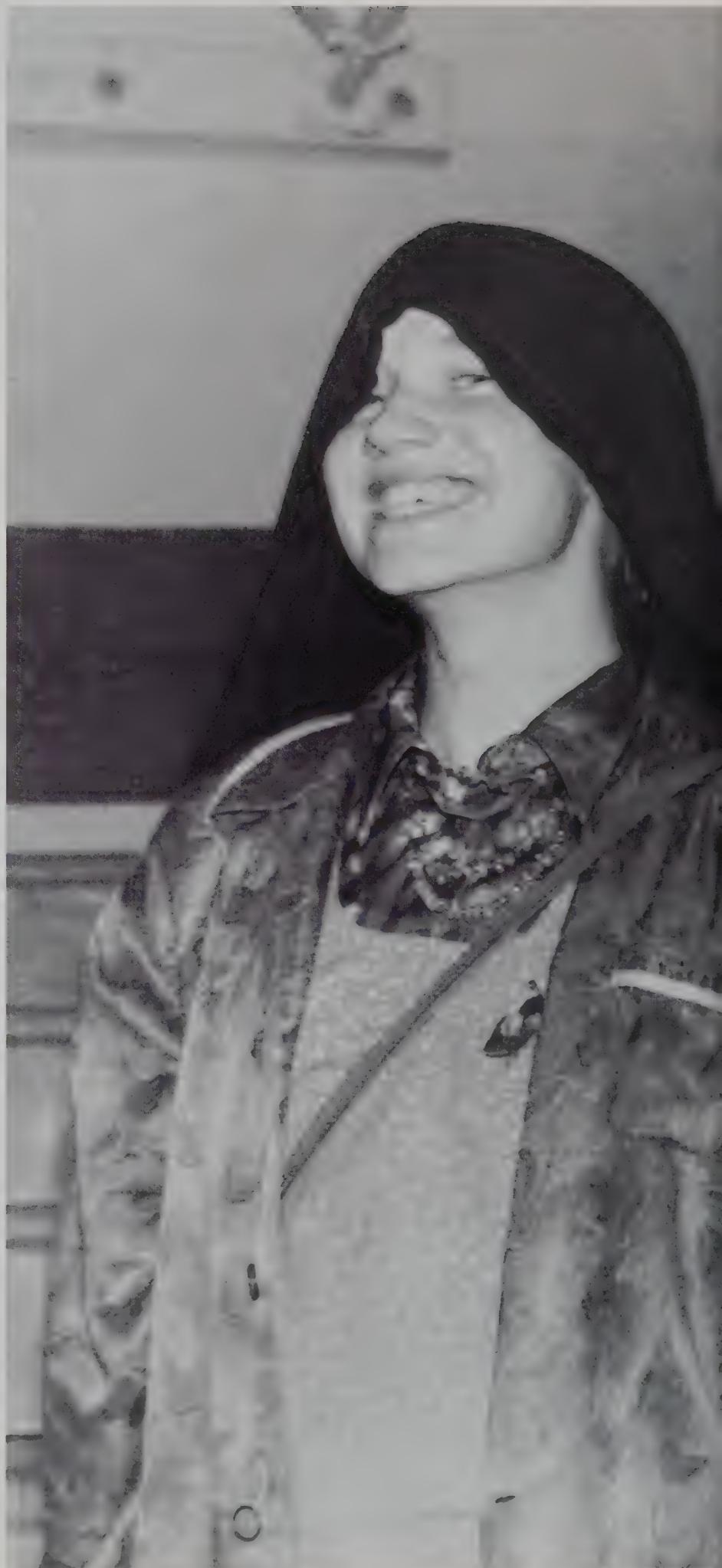
The dance was a time to be with friends, to reminisce about the past, and to dream about the future.



Decorations on her backpack shows Evie White's individuality. Decorations in lockers and on backpacks showed fellow students what music, brands, and styles an individual likes.



Fingernails that match the colors of the rainbow can be seen on Sara Thomas's hand. "Wearing fingernail polish is a way to express your personality. Fingernail polish brightens up a person. Fake fingernails are disgusting because you never know when one is going to pop off."



'I love
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roy bell bot-
toms. It's
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different.'

Amy Snyder

Meghan Dabney is dressed to kill. Meghan's style is unlike anyone else's. It's an extension of her personality.



Hairstyles became a popular way for expression. "The worst haircut was when I cut my hair short," Lee Perrin said.

As a way to express herself, Elizabeth Sines wears jewelry. Most of her jewelry was given to her for gifts. She wore a variety of rings, earrings, and necklaces.



By Jody Bowser

"I express myself through clothing and makeup," Regina Mick, sophomore, said, "I want people to know I'm enthusiastic, and I'm not afraid to express myself by wearing bright colors."

Students showed their individuality through clothing and by trying to stand out from the crowd.

"I express myself through clothes," Amy Snyder, sophomore, said, "I want to be different. I love wearing things that no one else has, such as my pink corduroy bell bottoms. It's fun to be different."

There were many other ways to show others about oneself, such as jewelry, decorating cars (with stickers), hairstyles, and fingernails.

"I express myself through the way I talk," Heidi Baker, junior, said. "I believe in telling people the way it is."

Chrissy Steyer, sophomore, expressed herself through the way she decorated her bedroom.

"Decorating your room can express your personality because it's filled with all your belongings and it shows who you are," Chrissy said. "My room is a mess and it shows that I am carefree."

Some people feel that music is a way of expressing themselves, whether they are the one playing the music or listening to it.

"I express myself when I play the

piano because each song has its own feeling that can relate to many people in different ways," Devon McClive, sophomore, said.

A certain taste in music that a person choose to listen to was also a way of expression.

"I listen to U2 because of their variety and the mood of the music is able to convey my present state of being," Dan Sincell, junior, said.

Dancing and drawing were other ways of self-expression. Hairstyles had taken a role as a major expresser.

"I think if people want to dye their hair, do it," Lee Perrin, junior, said. "I don't like it when people dye their hair for attention though."

No two people were the same. Expressing oneself along with their personality and whom they were made each person different.

"I am better at drawing than I am at speaking my mind," Misty Kisner, junior, said. "My art reflects my mood or how I am feeling on a certain day."

Expressing oneself now would influence the way an individual life was concluded.

"When I walk down the hall, I see so many different styles," Donnette Riley, senior, said. "It makes me wonder where people come up with all their different ideas."

Expressing oneself through personal beliefs or actions, was sometimes even a way to cope with all the stress and hardships of life.

Time for a good ol' fashioned
cat hanging! Nick Rohrbaugh,
a.k.a. Constable Howard,
waves the poisoned cat for all to
see.



There's nothing wrong with a
little eavesdropping, even if it is
really obvious. Rachel Lane
gets a little closer to Mikey Virts.

Omigosh! He's a puppet!
Rachel Lane ushers Mikey
Virts, or Inspector Crandle,
away from the bedrooms.



The vamp prepares to strike...
"I've been in a lot of plays, but I
can honestly say that this is one
of the best casts I've ever
worked with," Jenny Finkel said.
"Every rehearsal was a party."



Who knows what evil lurks in
the shadows ... or is that TD
Stuck as Barry hidden in the
doorway, lovingly carrying his
fiance Susan's luggage.



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Devon McClive

Rachel Lane, as Lottie the maid, replaces the brandy with tea. A little tea never hurt anyone...



Huddle! Eliza Coviello, as light-minded Susan, attempts to take everyone over to her side of the world. It was a scary place.

Everyone gets in a good glare at Mavis, played by Jenny Finkel, as she flounders for an excuse for her odd behavior.



On Center stage

By Josh Teets

"It was delightful to work with such a gifted group of students - not only were they talented - they were responsible, mature, and a whole lot of fun. I'll miss them," Miss Jane Avery, director said.

Her cast brought several grades together. Jenny Finkel as Mavis, Nick Rohrbaugh as Edgar and Constable Howard, Eliza Coviello as Susan, and TD Stuck as Barry were all seniors. Rachel Lane as Lottie represented the junior class and Mikey Virts as Inspector Crandle represented the sophomore class.

The school play put on by the drama department was a British farce by Jack Sharkey. Entitled *The Murder Room*, the fast paced play had its humor rooted in quick dialogue and irony, and a lot of ludicrous actions from the cast.

Rehearsals began for the cast shortly after auditions in January. From then to the first week of March, the cast labored over learning lines and the complicated blocking.

"Rehearsing was hard work, but Ms. Avery rewarded us handsomely

with nonalcoholic beverages and cookies," Eliza Coviello, senior, said. "I loved everything about being in the play ... especially the octopus."

Several of the cast members had never acted before. Their lack of on-stage experience did not hinder them at all.

"I wasn't really nervous when I first got on-stage," Nick said. "A few hours before going on I'd be nervous, but then it would turn to anger. I don't know why, but it really helped me. I wasn't too nice before shows."

Despite numerous technical difficulties, such as having a certain Texan break the gun and members of the technical crew knocking off a light switch, the show went on, and went on wonderfully.

"I thought that the play was simply *mahvelous*," Devon McClive, sophomore, said. "I thought the actors/actresses did very well with it."

The play was performed for each of the four grades and two night performances. After two months of difficult rehearsals and then six draining performances, the cast was allowed to rip down their set in a frantic expulsion of pent up tension.



Smiling and waving at the crowd is Autumn Glory Queen Sarah Fike. "It was so exciting to see all the smiling faces as the float passed by the crowd. Waving to the little kids was my favorite part of the parade."

Waving to the parade watchers is Miss Susan Alexander. Susan was previously chosen to represent Maryland as Miss Maryland 1996.

Looking extremely excited as she represents Garrett County is Kandice Shomo. "I'm really glad that Kandice and Sarah were selected to be princess and queen," Jesse Ashby said. "They both looked very nice. Sarah maintained her composure very well in representing Garrett County on MPT (Maryland Public Television)."



Congressman Roscoe Bartlett waves to his admirers while Senator John Hafer sits by. "It was really honorable for the state officials to participate in our festival," Joshua Sines said.

Carrie Filsinger, Amy Snyder, Amanda Palmer, Amanda Stieringer, and Jackie Stanley play their saxophones in the parade. "The band really knew their stuff," Corey Friend said.



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Autumn
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I could only
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queen of
such a
wonderful
event.

Sarah Fike

Kandice Shomo and Sarah Fike look very honored as they smile. "Since I can remember, my favorite part of the parade has been the queen and her court," Kandice said.



Walking through the parade is Jason Liller and David Peterson dressed in the traditional Highlander outfit. "The sunny weather was great and way better than any last year," Paul Tepper said.

A 56 degree temperature greeted many people at the parade. "The weather was great for a parade," Kim McBride said.



Celebrating the Autumn Glory

By Sharon Ringer

I kicked my way through the colorful leaves as I walked down the streets of Oakland. The day started out to be cold but warmed up to 56 degrees very quickly.

"The weather was much nicer this year than last year," Danielle Jackson, senior, said. "That made it a lot more fun. There were a lot more people at the band competition, so it was more exciting."

Senior Sarah Fike was the 29th annual Autumn Glory Queen. "I've always loved the Autumn Glory Festival," she said. "When I was younger, I'd sit on the curbs of Second Street and watch all of the floats and bands pass by during the parade. I could only dream of being the queen of such a wonderful event. My family has always had a good time walking through the leaves, shopping at the antique shows, and visiting with friends and family."

Southern senior Kandice Shomo and Northern senior Michelle Geis were the Autumn Glory princesses. "Since I can remember, my favorite part of the Autumn Glory parade had been the queen and her court," Kandice said. "It was a great honor for me to be able to participate in the 'Glory' of this festival."

The Queen attended many activities, including the Firemen's Parade, the Autumn Glory Parade, a banjo and fiddler's contest, and other activities such as the craft and antique shows. The princesses participated in many of the same activities as the queen.

Mr. Paris Glendenning, Maryland's Governor, was the grand marshal of the parade.

Many students complained that the parade was very boring.

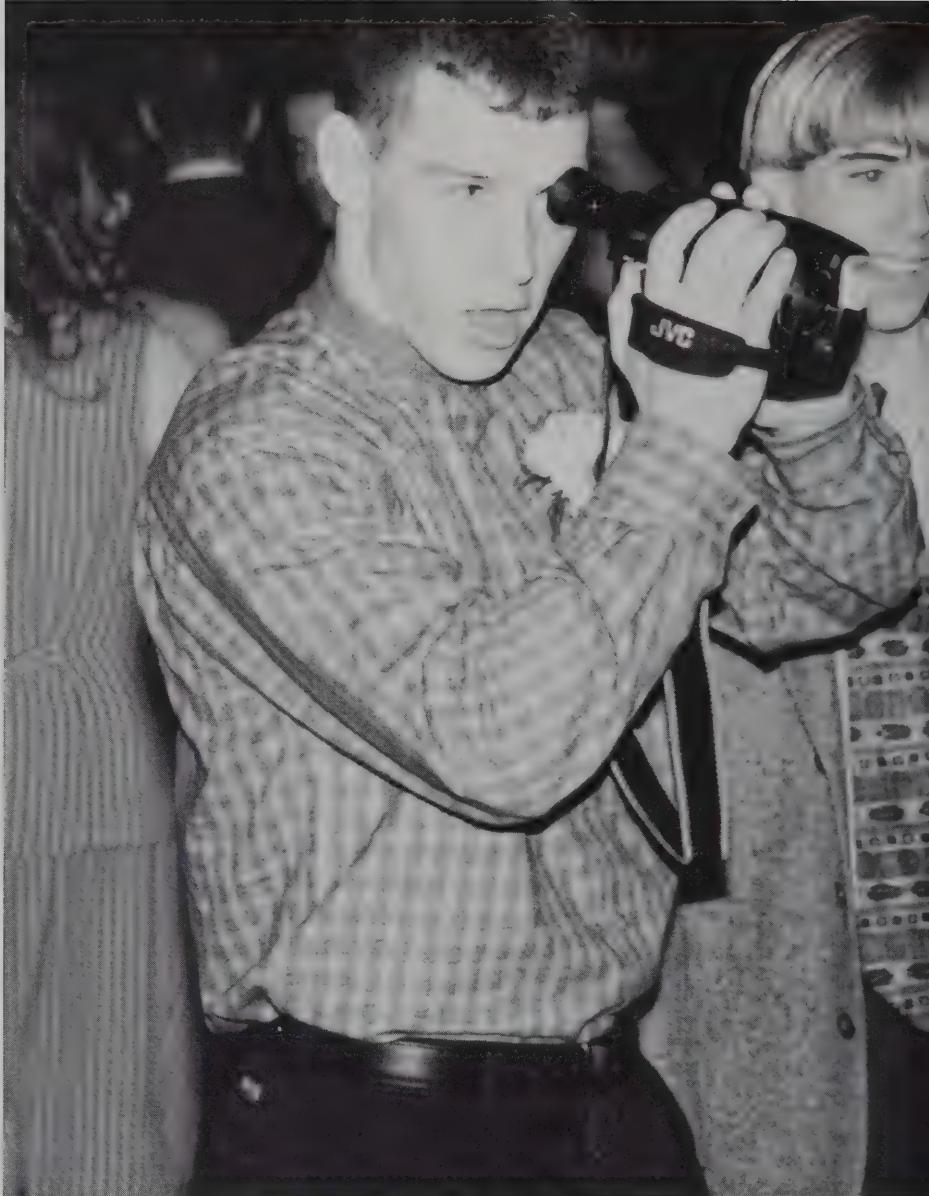
"Autumn Glory was terrible because it took too long to get started," Nathaniel Panther, freshman, said.

Joel Uphold and Seth Folickman video tape the dance. Some students found this and getting pictures taken were ways to remember homecoming.



Elizabeth Sines, daughter of John and Crystal Sines, carried the flowers to the queen and Michael Paugh, son of David and Sheryl Paugh, was the crown bearer.

Homecomings are a time for friends to get together and catch up on things. Nathan Friend, Jessica Uphole, and Mike Guthrie use the dance as a time to discuss past, present, and future events.



The homecoming queen and king are Lauren Newcomb and Howard Croesco. "Being Queenie offers lots of opportunities," Lauren said sarcastically. "I can get a wonderful scholarship!"

Mrs. Lisa Bender is telling the DJ Derek Spirk to announce for all of the court members to report to the lobby. Each court member was introduced as they walked to the stage.



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Lauren Newcomb

Court members include
Megan Redinger and Nathan
Rickman.



Court members include
Kandi Ashby, Mike Flanagan,
Rita Powell, Jay Ferguson,
Kassy Skipper, and Tim Jeffreys.

Court members include Emily
Nemith, Josh Bosley, Sheri
Perando, Jason Weaver, Beth
Moon, and Josh Helbig.



Spirit throughout the week

By Erin Wampler

"Spirit week was a success," Lindsay Garris, junior, said. "There was lots of participation. All of the classes showed a lot of spirit throughout the week, at the pep rally and at the big game."

Spirit week started on Monday and ended with a pep assembly on Friday.

Friday night was the game between Tucker County and Southern. Despite the snow and the freezing rain, many devoted Ram fans came to see the Rams to victory.

The score was the Rams 36, Tucker County 28.

Along with the winning homecoming game, a homecoming dance took place the following Saturday to celebrate the victory.

Everyone at the homecoming dance was in high spirits because of the defeat of Tucker.

"I enjoyed myself and I think everyone else did too," Nick Rohrbaugh, senior, said. "The evening went very smoothly."

"Homecoming was a lot of fun because

I went with my friends instead of going with a guy," Carrie Filsinger, junior, said. "We had a lot of fun groovin' to the music."

The DJ was Derek Spirk. Mr. Z (Dave Zimmerman) was also there helping. Not everyone agreed with the music choice, though.

"All of the dances are kind of lame because all they play is dumb hip-hop rap stuff," Ryan Fike, senior, said.

Not everybody was able to attend the dance because of other activities.

"I don't think it was fair that homecoming and the band competition were scheduled on the same night," Amanda Steringer, sophomore, said. "It made it impossible for anyone in band to attend homecoming."

It seemed as though everyone, even if they did not like the music, was there having a good time because they were able to see their friends.

"I think homecomings are fun because it is a chance for all of your friends to get together and have a happy, happy, joy, joy time," Alicia Sausman, sophomore, said.

As she receives her diploma, Eva Bittinger shakes Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jerome Ryscavage's hand. Every senior gave Dr. Ryscavage a dollar coin during the handshake. The money went to the American Cancer Society.



Everyone is receiving Kandi Ashby's confetti. She will be attending Frostburg State in the fall.

The seniors are having a little celebration after the ceremony. At graduation, everyone ended the ceremony by throwing hats, beach balls and confetti into the air.



Some good advice is being given by Kerri Cannon (r) to Belinda Burns before she graduates. Ary Bosley finds it extremely funny. Kerri will be going to Allegany College.

Valedictorian Melanie Cook gives her farewell and good luck speech. She earned a full scholarship to Western Maryland College.



Each senior
had a dollar
coin that they
handed to
Superinten-

Best and worst of dent of Schools Dr.

Jerome
Ryscavage in
a handshake.
The money
went to the
Cancer
Society.

A nervous hug is being given by Mike Flanagan to Jared Beckman before they graduate. Mike will be attending Pennsylvania Technical Institute.



Jesse Ashby, Jared Beckman, Matt Blythe and Robby Broadwater are relieved after they have received their diplomas. "I was just glad to get out of there because it was inside," Robby said.

A hug at graduation is being given by Adam Chorpennings to Adilka Fernandez. Adilka went back to the Dominican Republic in August.



By Devon McClive

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

These were the words of Charles Dickens that were said by the Senior Class President Pat Forman.

"I am glad and relieved (to have graduated) because I was gonna die and I couldn't stand it anymore," Melanie Cook, valedictorian, said. Due to the threat of rain, this was the first year graduation had to be held inside since 1990.

"I was glad to get outta there quick," Robby Broadwater said. "I'm incredibly happy because I don't have to worry about school anymore."

Graduation practice lasted until 1 p.m.

"Graduation practice was long and boring," Natalie Carlson said. Also, many students complained about Principal Mrs. Lynn Bell's pronunciation of their names.

"I wished that Mrs. Bell could have pronounced our names a little better," Kristie Sausman said.

The ceremony was very official and some students were not used to that. "

didn't like graduation because it was like I was getting married," Scot Sines said

In the graduation ceremony, each senior had a dollar coin that they handed to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jerome Ryscavage in a handshake. The money went to the American Cancer Society. This was the first year to do this.

The class of 1997 was an extraordinary class. This was proved at graduation when they ended the ceremony with the throwing of confetti, balloons, beach balls and hats.

Instead of filing out of the gym like they were supposed to, they all gathered in the gym for a long time afterward and celebrated. The speeches they made were unusual – very upbeat and not sad and depressing.

"This will be the last time we hear, 'Make sure your table and floor are clean,'" Pat Forman said in his speech. Janice Plauger, salutatorian, said goodbye in 10 different languages.

Melanie Cook, valedictorian, represented the graduating class of 1997 students with a speech, in which she said these words, "You have created a life – congratulations and good luck."

As a fund-raiser for Girls' Basketball, Coach Don Stemple runs the snack booth in the gym lobby after school. Many days students could be found in lines waiting for a soda or a pack of gum.

Mmmm, candy! Michelle Teter, along with many other members of the Prom Committee, sold lollipops in the shape of lips and hearts. Here she is selling them to Matt Ruff. "Suckers are good," Deni Lynn Shaffer said. "They are sweet and fun to eat."



As Jackie Mattingly shares a special dance with a special someone, many others also did. Organizations found dances to be a great way to raise needed money.



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Erin Ball

"I wondered how long it would be before Debbie (his wife) would kiss me again." Those were the words of Mr. Tom Woods after he kissed a pig at the Southern vs. Northern football game. Students dropped money in jugs as to which teacher they wanted to see kiss a pig as part of a senior class fund-raiser. Mr. Woods helped raise \$40 with Mr. Charles Harkins coming in with a close \$39.



Selling raffle tickets to Mr. Don Lipscomb is Krissy Hinebaugh. Raffle tickets were a popular fund-raiser among high school students and also other schools.

Homecoming dances were a great time for friends to get together and dance. Virginia Paugh, Erica Moats, Susie Mosser, and Stacy Lewis do the macerana.



For a good

cause

By Jackie Mayle

Everyday there was some kind of fund-raising taking place.

It has been said many times, "It's for a good cause." It's no lie. Fund-raising was for a good cause.

"I like to buy candy to snack on during class," Erin Ball, junior, said. "I don't really think of whom it benefits when I buy it, but I assume it's for a good cause."

Organizations of all kinds had fund-raisers of all types. Some sold candy bars, lollipops, cookie dough, and pizza.

The senior class sold old fashioned candy sticks to raise money for their class trip. The money each participant raised went toward their personal account in paying for the trip.

Fund-raisers weren't all about selling food though. T-shirts, coffee mugs, and beach towels were also sold to raise money.

"Fund-raising isn't so bad if they're (organizations) selling

something people want to buy," Misty Kisner, junior, said. "I hate when people bug me to buy something really stupid that I'll never use."

Don't forget about those who did the selling. Selling was sometimes the hard part of fund-raising.

"It's a lot easier to sell things in a more populated area," James Steyer, junior, said. "I found that the best place to sell raffle-tickets was in school and in town."

The juniors on prom committee sold certificates for Sheetz at the price of \$3. One could get a free six inch sub, deli sandwich, salad, or nachos and a 22 oz. fountain drink. There was also a coupon for a dollar off a 12 inch sub.

There were all kinds of dances to promote fund-raisers. Homecoming, Winterball, and other social dances raised money for organizational needs.

"Having dances is a good way to raise money," Tracy Gilpin, freshman, said. "Besides, what else is there to do on a Friday night?"

As a guidance aide, Adam Herbert decorates the small Christmas tree which Ms. Roseanne Riley provided for the holiday. It seemed that Adam got all tied up in the holiday season.

Looking at Valentine's Day gifts on sale at the school store, Michelle Goralski and Miriah McBee decide which one to give their special someone. The school store always provided a way to say "You're special" no matter what holiday it was.

Ever since kindergarten, students have handed out Valentine's Day cards to their friends. Nicole Frazee and Crystal Hinnant choose not to break the tradition by sharing a card as a symbol of their friendship.



Katelyne McBee adjusts the paper garland hanging in Mr. Bill Freyman's class. "Christmas is great. I love decorating and seeing all the Christmas lights. I especially like the big fat man."

Naomi Stoner, Carrie Filsinger, and John Ortiz search and compare to find the perfect Valentine's gift for their friends. Valentine's Day was not only for significant others.



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As she decorates Mr. Doug Buckley's journalism class, Erin Ball draws a tree on the board. "I enjoy decorating at Christmas time because it puts me in the Christmas spirit."



While reaching to fix the garland, Keri Strubin smiles in admiration. The decorations were allowed to be put up by students with jolly teachers.

Chad Lovett and Regina Mick admire the brightly adorned Christmas tree decorated by Mr. Bruce Taliaferro's students. Decorating classrooms helped students endure the last few days before Christmas vacation.



T'is the holiday from school. eason

By Brittney Decker

One of the things that helped students endure the seemingly never-ending school year were the holiday vacations. Whether it were Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, or New Year's, students all looked forward to the break from the monotony of school.

"Holidays are great because you get a break from school," Bryanne Miller, junior, said. "You get a chance to see out-of-school friends and spend time doing what you want to do."

These holiday vacations provided a time for students to loaf at home or spend time with family.

"On Christmas morning we begin by opening gifts at my house," Julie Glotfelty, junior, said. "We then go to my grandmother's house for more gifts and then I go to my boyfriend Michael's house."

A large consumption of food was usually a major part of the holiday seasons.

"My family always has a progressive dinner at Christmas time," Mariah McBee, junior, said. "The first house we go to has soup for everyone. The second house has the appe-

tizers. The third house fixes the main course meal and the next house has desserts. The last house has the drinks."

Some of the things that made the break for the holidays enjoyable were the traditions that are observed year after year. Whether it was an Easter-egg hunt, putting milk and cookies out for Santa, or staying up to watch the ball drop on New Year's Eve, the holiday seasons just didn't seem the same without them.

"My family's Christmas tree doesn't go up until Christmas Eve," Marni Sweitzer, junior, said.

Along with the food and family that was enjoyed during the holidays, there was also a lot of fun. Just being able to loaf around the house and enjoy being out of school made any holiday worthwhile.

"We all stay up all night long, eat shrimp, and get fat," Bryanne said.

It didn't matter that people celebrated the same holidays year after year with the same traditions. Everyone looked forward to their favorite holiday, whether it was a birthday or Martin Luther King Day.

"I like birthdays because that's the day I get out of being grounded," Jennie Grant, junior, said.

Deni Lynn Shaffer is Queen of the Night! Seth Tressler and Deni Lynn are the Prom king and queen. "I was so surprised at being made the Prom Queen," Deni Lynn said. "I'll never forget it the rest of my life."

"It was smashing good fun to mingle with everyone in all of their glorious apparel," Megan Conroy said after attending Prom. Megan attended with Brandon Frantz.

Brandy Burgess, Kerri Cannon, and Erica Paugh dance fast to a grooving tune. These girls were constantly jumping on the stage and dancing all night long.



The food at prom gets Kristin Warnick's attention. Sam Tuomisto felt that "the little pudding pies were exquisite!"

Not knowing that later that night (or actually early the next morning) she was going to be rather wealthy, Donnette Riley and Jamie Lewis court each other on the dance floor. Donnette won \$1,000 early the next morning at after-prom.



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Deni Lynn and Seth get emotional as the king and queen are announced. Alison Rudy approached to crown and put the banners on the king and queen as they were announced.



Prom court members include Nathan Rickman and Sarah Fike, Tim Jeffreys and Misty Ro-deheaver.

Court members include Lauren Newcomb and Matt Sincell, Kandi Ashby and Aaron Newcomb.



By Stephen Pariseau

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times... we had everything before us, we had nothing before us....

Prom was controversial at best. Students either loved Prom or they absolutely did not like it.

Josh Teets seemed to feel that Prom was way too long, hot, and formal. He also felt that his tux should have been shed for some grooving clothes.

Others tended to disagree with Josh, believing that a formal atmosphere was nice.

"Prom was really a lot of fun," Carrie Filsinger, junior said. "At first I thought that it would be really uptight because of the formal atmosphere, but I was really surprised by the carefree attitude of all present. It was a memorable evening."

Karrie Nine found romanticism in the air as she was escorted by Matt Blythe. "My date was the most gorgeous," Karrie said. "The Prom was extraordinarily romantic."

After first impressions of the atmosphere wore off, the evening took on more controversy. The band, called *Amber* (from Pittsburgh), was the most talked about topic of the evening. Again, some liked it, others

did not.

Those who liked the band were impressed. "I thought the band was pretty good," Michelle Teter, junior said. "Some of the music was a little less than desirable, but they did a good job."

Other prom goers were not so concerned with the specifics of the prom.

"Prom was a beautiful experience," Mark Ludwig, junior said. "I had a wonderful time with my friends."

Some individuals realized that these times that were happy, the years of the young and free last only so long. One individual who will probably remember Prom '97 was Deni Lynn Shaffer, the Prom queen.

"I was extremely surprised when I found out that I was Prom queen," Deni said. "It's something that I'll never forget the rest of my life."

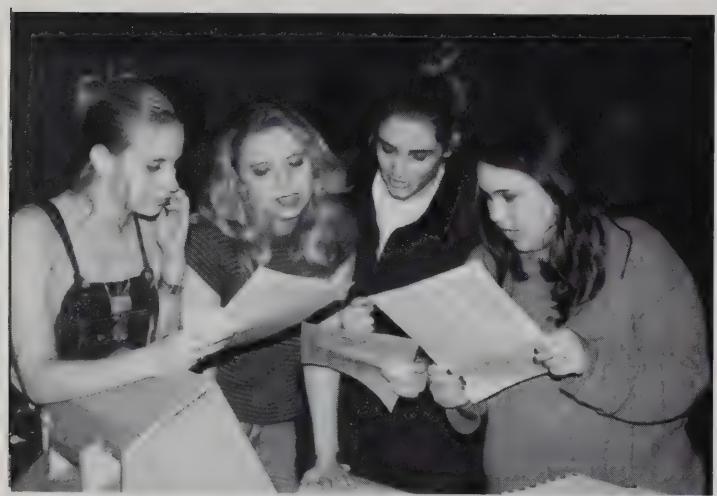
Whatever the case, Prom Queen or not, prom will at least be remembered by the 400 guests for a very long time. It was a time of fun.

"This is where Prom is really at," Melanie Cook, senior said. "We go out in search of a priceless youth that we now possess, and that we will only have once. We were looking for the pleasures of youth, and youth we found upon that night."

"We have a winner!" Why on earth is Regina Mick so happy? Maybe it is because she just won a million dollars playing poker. Poker was one of the alternatives students had if they did not feel like boxing or playing ping pong.

If you're the kind of person that liked out of this world experiences, then "Virtual Reality" was for you. Patrick MaCauley tried it out for the first time as Mrs. Sharon Everd assisted putting on the equipment.

Preparation for a music video could be hard if you didn't know the words. That is why Brandi Burgess, Kandi Ashby, Kerri Cannon, and Cheryl Dilsworth are practicing for their own creation.



Sharing a sweet moment together are Stacy Geroski and Michael Annarelli in a 1970's "bug." Students could invite out-of-school guests, just as Stacy did with her date, to prom as well as after prom.

Scot Sines, a.k.a. Jimmi Hendrix, was seen playing a song along with Pat Minovitz (left) on bass and John Menker on drums. Each student had the option of recording a video of their creation.



As the doors were finally opened for the morning, everyone ran to scrape the frost from their vehicles and jump into their cars to try to get warm.

Tattoos can be a lot of fun, just as long as it's not real. Crystal Kish is getting a tattoo design on her arm.



Pow! Shannon Spurrier gives Natalie Carlson a right hook where it counts. Some students said they had to stand in line at least a half hour to get to duke it out against an opponent.

Decorating tables can be a real pain, but Sharon Ringer and Jaime George take the job with pride. They are decorating the "petrocks" that sat on the tables.



Good-bye Wonderful night

By Mark Ludwig

"After prom was great nonstop excitement," Sean Conroy, junior, said. "It was even better when I beat the snot out of Brandon Peck, Karlo Gesner, and Pete Porcaro in Bouncy Boxing."

On the night of May 10, the classes of Southern experienced yet another After Prom, starting at 11:30. The traditional follow-up to the ever popular prom was a blast for all that were there.

The students had a variety of activities that could keep them busy for the seven hours that they were there. Bouncy Boxing was a favorite of many, tie-dying kept people twisting and turning rubber bands for hours, and the music that was played live and by various DJ's added to the 70's theme.

Gambling, although illegal in the state of Maryland, apparently had some people in debt. Poker was played, students could once again make music videos, and rooms of people were filled waiting to get their caricatures done by the artists who came. Ping-pong was being played, people left their mark on the wall where students could write whatever they wanted to, and some people just decided to catch a few Z's.

"The night was long, but it was extremely fun," Steve Pariseau, jun-

ior, said. "I thought the live bands were the bomb!"

The after prom party was headed by Mrs. Lisa Bender, and various other school related people. The after prom committee also included many parents dressed just like their children. Prizes were given out every hour to drawn winners. Mr. Don Sincell was in charge of that department.

"After prom was fun and interesting," Sarah Jonson, senior, said. "I had a great time with my friends."

Toward the end of the night, there was a "Dating Game" hosted by the one and only, Mr. Dave Bender. The Gong Show was a success with Nick Dudok and company performing their interpretation of "The China Wok." And everyone was just about saying good-bye to a wonderful night.

"It was great after I beat the crap out of Karrie Nine in Bouncy Boxing," Francesca Coviello, junior, said.

Scott Sines captured the 70's fashion show by dressing up as the late Jimmi Hendrix. Adam Chorpenning and Lauren Newcomb won the disco contest with their wonderful performance.

Donnette Riley, senior, won \$1,000 at the end of the event and junior Rachel Shaffer won \$500.

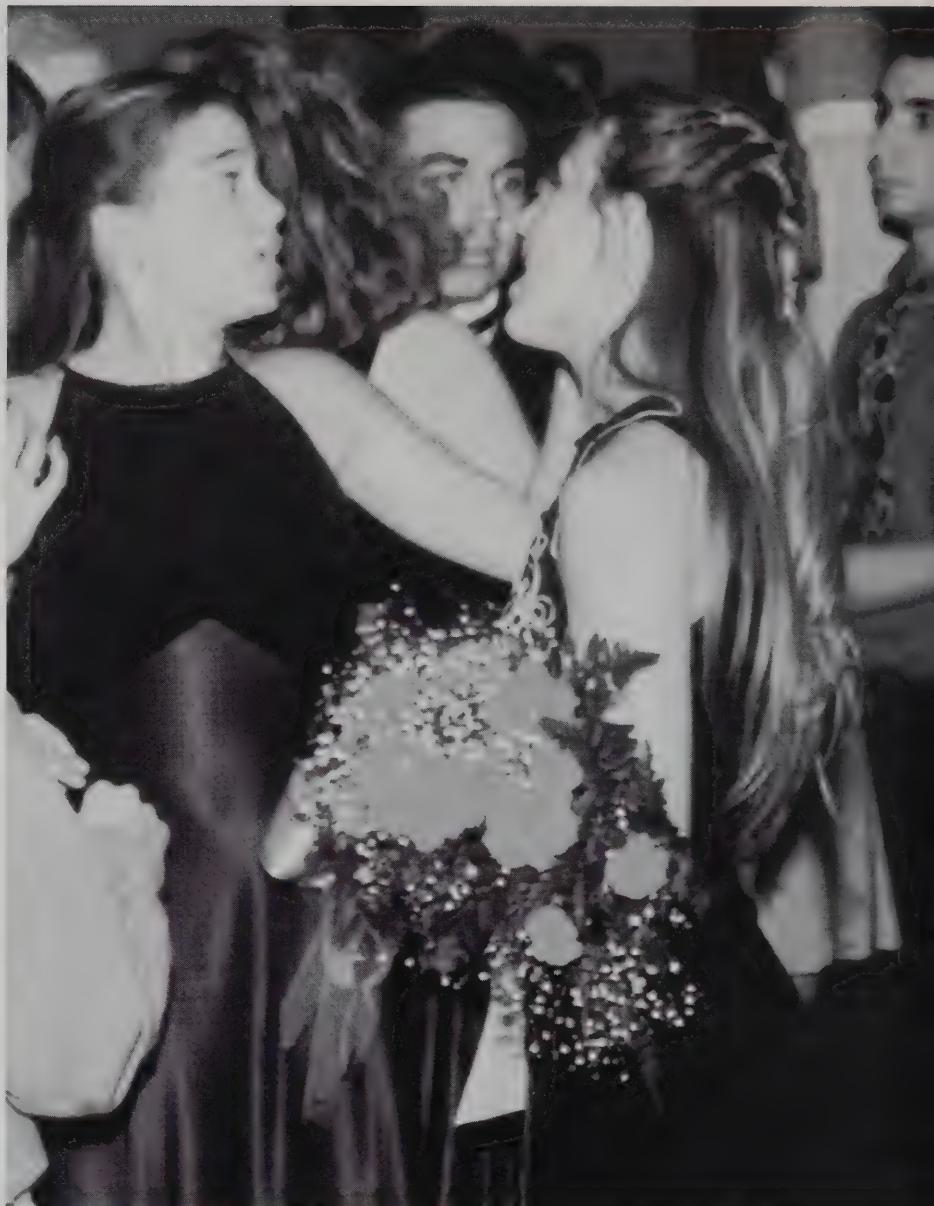
After prom was a success. A new record was set with 456 students staying in safely.

As he admires the beauty of his dancing partners, Sara Sincell and Maggie Suess, Adam Murray stands bewildered. "I had a lot of fun looking at all the beautiful women in their sexy dresses," Adam said.



All smiles is Jennie Grant as she dances with Sean Conroy. "Being on court with Sean was a blast. I laughed through the entire dance and had a wonderful time."

Court members include seniors Misty Rodeheaver escorted by Tim Jeffreys, and Kandice Shomo escorted by Matt Sincell.



Court members include seniors Autumn Newcomb escorted by Nathan Rickman, and Lauren Newcomb escorted by Aaron Newcomb.



The queen of Winterball, Lauren Newcomb stands beside her king, Nathan Rickman. Mr. Doug Oxford had the honor of crowning the king and queen of the dance.



For some people, Winterball was a time to be spent with that special someone, but for others who went with their friends, it was a time to have fun.

Cousins Jordan and Rachel Skipper are escorted onto the stage by Mr. Doug Oxford prior to the crowning of the king and queen. The youngsters were the flower girl and crown bearer for the evening. Jordan is the son of Frank and Lisa Skipper and Rachel is the daughter of Timothy and Cheryl Skipper.



Court members include freshmen Emily Nemith escorted by Josh Bosley, and sophomores Jody Bowser escorted by Ricky Hamilton.

Court members include juniors Jennie Grant escorted by Sean Conroy, and seniors Meghan Dabney escorted by Jay Ferguson.



By Carrie Filsinger

After hours of preparation, couples, decked in their finest attire, arrived at the school, full of excitement for this long awaited night.

"I really looked forward to Winterball because it was my first formal dance at Southern," Derek Coughlin, freshman, said.

As the students and faculty greeted each other, they admired "the way that they looked that night."

Excitement surrounded the dance floor as friends and family danced to the music of DJ Jim Van from GO 106 in Cumberland.

"Even though the music was awful, I had fun," Sam Tuomisto, senior, said. "It was different seeing all my friends in dress clothes rather than jeans."

On Winterball night the lunch room was transformed into the perfect setting for an evening filled of romance and fun.

There was a big Christmas tree in the middle of the floor, festive deco-

reparation

rations, and the Christmas spirit was in all who attended.

"Winterball really got me ready for Christmas break," Erica Johnson, senior, said. "It made me mad that we had to go back to school on Monday."

Winterball became a tradition ever since the seniors of 1993 started it as a fund-raiser for senior trip.

For some people, Winterball was a time to be spent with that special someone, but for others who went with their friends, it was a time to have fun.

"I have found that it is actually more fun to go with one's friends rather than going with a date," Shelley Winters, junior, said.

As the dance ended, the number of couples dwindled as they got ready to start the second night of the evening. Many couples continued to dance the night away at parties, while others ended the night with a quite evening at home.

"The dance was just a warm up for the rest of the evening," Rachel Shaffer, junior, said.

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Football



Basketball



Soccer



Volleyball



Cheerleading



*Baseball/
Softball*



*Cross
Country*



Track



Golf



Wrestling

favorite sport at Southern?



Best

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By: Jessica Baker

All the cheerleaders had at least one unforgettable memory from the season.

An unforgettable time was the football game at Fort Hill, especially for Megan Redinger. "The best part of

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cheerleading for me was the Fort Hill game this past year," she said. "I had medical problems and had to cheer in the stands and watch the whole game. It was great! All the guys were so pumped, and the bus ride home was great!"

"The most unforgettable moment for me was when Rita (Powell) fell from a shoulder stand and broke her ankle before a basketball game," Mrs. Linda Garris said. "She stayed through the game and had to have surgery on her ankle and cheered in her cast. That takes a lot of school spirit to do that!"

Rita's accident was the first major accident to happen in Mrs. Garris' five years of advising.

"Cheerleading was a good experience," Kandice Shomo, senior, said. "The four years flew by and I made a lot of new friends. If I had to do it over again,

I would."

Cheerleading was a lot of hard work, but fun. "Cheerleading was fun," Bethany Savage, freshman, said. "We had a good squad and that made it possible for us to do a lot of new, fun stunts and cheers. I can't wait until next year."



JV: Front row: Heather Hanline, Emily Nemith, Megan Mahaffey
Back row: Bethany Savage, Crystal Hinnant, Sheri Perando, Brianne Myers



Varsity: Front row: Megan Redinger, Kandice Shomo, Kandi Ashby
Back row: Rita Powell, Kassy Skipper, Lindsay Garris, Alison Rudy, Brianne Miller



AN UNIDENTIFIED CHEER-LEADER, along with Brianne Miller, are doing kicks and other cheering moves to get the crowd excited for the upcoming game. It usually did not take a lot from the cheerleaders to get the crowd going.

THE JV AND VARSITY CHEERLEADERS sometimes combined together for more noise and encouragement for the teams. Crystal Hinnant (JV) and Lindsay Garris (V) cheer together at a soccer game.



"WE'RE NUMBER 1!" screams Kandi Ashby atop the shoulders of Kandice Shomo. Many of the students believed that the football team was the best in the state, but they never got a chance to prove it, missing the playoffs by a few hundredths of a percentage point.

D-I-G IT, DIG IT, SHS, I love it! Rita Powell shows off how much she loves Southern High and all of its great sports teams.



THE INCLEMENT WEATHER of the football season doesn't stop Jennie Grant and Sheri Perando from cheering. As could be seen by Jennie's hair, the rain just kept on coming.



A COLD FRIDAY NIGHT GAME finds Megan Redinger cheering on the football team. Enduring the cold was hard in their uniforms, so the cheerleaders ordered lined windbreaker suits to help them stay warm.

By: Megan Redinger

After months of dedication and finally realizing their potential, the Varsity Football team unwilling ended, what seemed to be, an all to short season.

"The 1996 season was one of great joy, but sadly one of some disappointment," Coach Tom Woods said. "Although our schedule had no less than five playoff opponents, we were able to post a fine 7-3 record."

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In the beginning, the coaches, players and fans were more than excited to start yet another promising season. With the 1995 team making an appearance at Byrd Stadium and only losing by two points, everyone was sure that the 1996 team would be able to do it too, and maybe accomplish more.

"We were predominate in our first three scrimmages and I think the Allegany game stunned us because we all thought we would win; losing to Musselman in the next game didn't help our confidence either," Jay Ferguson, senior, said. "I feel that if we would have played either of these two teams, or East Liverpool, at the end of the season, we would have won."

Some fans began to change their minds after the first two loses were recorded. What some did not realize was that the Rams had a rookie quarterback who seemed to have nervous tension built up.

"Even though the team and coaches had confidence in Chad Warnick's ability, I think he lacked in it for the first couple of games," Shawn Durst, senior, said. "He was too worried about making mistakes that he did not play the first two games as well as his talent would have allowed him to."

Although this Ram team broke the longest winning streak in the area and for the first time beat the Fort Hill Sentinels, the playoff system failed the 'should be State Champions.'

"The obvious highlight to our year was the dramatic victory over Fort Hill to stop their 30 game winning streak," Coach Woods said. "Our disappointment was our inability to be involved in the Maryland 1A playoffs for a third consecutive year."

As stated by many, including Mike Burke of the *Cumberland Times News*, the Southern Rams were State Championship material.

"It is a shame that we got 'unfairly bumped' out of the playoffs, but to me, we are the true Region 1A Western Champs, as well as the Maryland 1A State Champi-

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ons," Mike Flanagan, senior, said. "We worked hard and we got better as the season went on, and like some people say, 'You can tell a truly good team by the way they progress."

According to Coach Woods, due to some area 1A teams avoiding play with the Rams, they were able to schedule themselves into the playoffs. This, in turn, made Southern ineligible to compete for the State 1A title.

Bringing home a State trophy was important to a team, but it just collects dust. This team accomplished quite a lot and have won the hearts of every Southern fan.

"May the best team win?" Rebecca Parks said. "The best team wasn't even playing."



HANDING THE BALL off to Joel Uphold for the inside reverse, Howard Crocco is trying to confuse the Beall defense. This worked to get the team a few extra yards.

SHAWN DURST and Howard Crocco huddle around the heater. "Even though it was cold out, it felt good handing our rival, Northern, a 24-0 defeat," Shawn said.



VARSITY FOOTBALL

8	Allegany	6
0	Musselman	22
16	Keyser	0
28	Hampshire	0
30	East Liverpool	53
41	Hancock	0
36	Tucker County	28
8	Fort Hill	6
40	Beall	12
24	Northern	0

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LOOKING TO FIND THE BEST way around his Musselman defender, Joel Uphold is trying to get the offense closer to the goal. The Ram offense scored a total of 231 points during ten games for the 1996 football season.

FINDING AN OPEN SPOT to catch Chad Warnick's pass, Aaron Newcomb finds his way past his defender during practice. "I liked playing offense better than defense because I am not a very good defensive player," Aaron said.



Front Row: Jay Ferguson, Chad Mellinger, Matt Paugh, Nathan Rickman, Brian Park, Scot Schroyer, Seth Tressler, Michael Flanagan, Aaron Newcomb, Shawn Durst, Tim Jeffreys, Joel Uphold **Row two:** Tim Wotring, Mike Tressler, Seth Sanders, John Ayers, Andy Seib, Josh Helbig, Jeremiah Johnson, Chad Warnick, David Lantz, Kenny Myers, Tommy Gank **Row three:** Danny Riley, Josh Perando, Scott Beitzel, Nick Dolan, Jason

Weaver, Steve Shiflett, Ricky Hamilton, Jarrett Bolden, Scott Shillingburg, Jesse Friend, Virgil Moats, Ryan Channel **Row four:** Keith Parks, David Upole, Andy Wilt, Billy Stoner, A.T. Marucci, Tommy Crosco, Lenny Ford, Robert Unger, Tommy Diehl **Back row:** Manager Roger Uber, Coaches Mike Sloan, John Stem, Dave Bosley, Tom Woods, Fred Gregg, Tom Bosley, Mike Wilburn, Scott Harvey



A GAP IN BETWEEN the two Beall defenders finds Jason Weaver starting to make his way there. "I am glad that I was able to play for Varsity and become more experienced for next year."



TO GET READY for the game, Chad Warnick and Seth Tressler practice their kickoff routine. "I liked kicking field goals and extra points, but it was kind of a lost cause, because we only attempted one field goal," Seth said.

Josh

By: Rita Powell

The JV Football season ended with more wins than losses and the team was made up of mainly freshmen! Josh Bosley led the offense with 97 yards rushing to

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two touch downs in the first game against the Huskies. Jordan Uphold had 59 yards and one touchdown.

Bosley opened the scoring with a four yard touchdown in the first quarter. The Rams beat the Huskies 38-0!

"The play that sticks out most in my mind is when I sacked Northern's quarterback," Lenny Ford, freshman, said.

Their second game against Tucker County, Bosley had 127 yards and two touch downs.

Justin Liller had a six yard touchdown and the Rams beat the Mountain Lions 32-6.

This unbelievably young team had an equally unbelievable record of only losing three games.

"The play that sticks out most in my mind was when Ryan Channel, offensive tackle, got an interception at Tucker County High School," Andy Wilt, sophomore said. "This was memorable because it was Ryan's first interception and it was surprising to see him try to return it."

That too was Ryan's most memorable play "I felt good," Ryan said, "like I accomplished something great."

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AGAINST NORTHERN, Jordan Uphold had 59 yards and one touchdown.



Freshman Squad: Front row: Mike Lantz, Tim Tasker, Chris Williams, Clarence McRobie, Josh Bosley, TJ Riley, Andrew Rickman, Larry Bernard Row two: Aaron Beckman, Robbie Brown, Jason Finch, Justin Liller, Richard Sines, Danny Friend, John Johnson, William Shiflett Row

three: Jamie Stanton, Dennis Mesa, Christian Warfield, Joshua Durst, Nathaniel Panther, Brandon Shank, Jordan upole, Kris Rohrbaugh Back row: Coach Mike Sloan, Lance Tressler, Mickey Chapman, Bushrod Hardesty, Jason Rohrbaugh, Coach Fred Gregg

THE JV FOOTBALL SEASON ended with more wins than losses and the team was made up of mainly freshmen!

Kane

By Rita Powell

The Golf team had a few old members, and recruited many freshmen. Although they did not make it to States as a team, they did place third at Regionals.

"Kane Wengerd was our best player on the team," Joseph Swerbinsky, senior and captain, said of the

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sophomore player.

Many of the members of the team agreed that Kane was the best player. He almost always placed at the golf matches.

"The best experience for me, personally, during the golf season was when I played well at Regionals and made it to States," Kane said.

Mr. Nikola Drobac, technical education teacher, coached his second season.

"I really enjoyed coaching," Mr. Drobac said. "The team worked very hard and I had a great time coaching."

Mr. Drobac often told the team that if his knee were good he would be the best player. Northern's coach challenged him to a match and, unfortunately, Mr. Drobac was defeated.

"The best experience for me was when I was cleaning my shoe on the bus and I was throwing grass out the window," Todd Tasker, sophomore, said. "I hit the coach with the grass and he came on the bus and

Jordan Hazelwood, Casey Wesley, Joe Swerbinsky, Bryson Paugh, Kane Wengerd, David Simmons, Brian Roderick

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started yelling. I told him I did it and he said he was going to 'bench me' for the next match. Then I told him what I thought and I got to play."

At the Pinto Invitational, Southern placed second out of 13 teams and Kane Wengerd finished as the top individual.

The season came to a close when they beat Northern and Kane went to states. Sad to say, Kane did not finish in the position he would have liked, but he still has two more seasons.





WATCHING A PLAYER FROM NORTHERN, Casey Wesley and Bryson Paugh wait as the player tries for par at the Oakland Country Club. Southern won the match 188-213.

GOLF		
193	Keyser	182
	Beall	193
	Northern	202
203	Allegany	180
	Flintstone	255
	Bishop Walsh	278
204	Northern	195
	Beall	199
217	Northern	196
	Fort Hill	204
	Westmar	250
203	Beall	197
	Fort Hill	211
	St. James	212
184	Allegany	181
	Berkeley Springs	192
	Beall	194
188	Northern	213

AN AWAY MATCH SEES Casey Wesley checking his scorecard. He shot an average of 47 strokes over nine holes.



FINISHING SECOND IN THE MATCH, Joe Swerbinsky chips on #9 at the Oakland Country Club. This was during a match against Northern.

KANE WENGERD HITS A SECOND SHOT at hole 18 in the Regional Tournament. He later went on to States but said that he was not pleased with his performance there, but he had fun.

AT HOLE 9 at the Maryland State Golf Tournament, Kane Wengerd is hitting a putt. "I had a lot of fun at States, but it would have been better if we could have gone as a team."

A FLAG BACK IN THE CUP finds Kane Wengerd after putting out at hole #9 at the Maryland State Tournament. Kane was the only player on the team to compete in the State tournament.

By: Sindy Niner

"We came, we saw, we got our cleats dirty," T.D. Stuck, senior, said.

The soccer team did a lot more than that as they posted the best season ever! Even though it was not until their third game of the season for their first win, the varsity team posted a record of 5-7.

The team started on the road with a much awaited game against cross county rival Northern. The game

'Soccer to me was the most fun time of my high school career. I love soccer, and hope I can find the time and skill to play a little in college.'

was just what everyone expected and more.

The Rams took the field with a lot of enthusiasm. The score remained tied at the half, but Northern managed to slip away with the win 4-2.

The team used this game as inspiration for the rest of the season. Working harder in practice, the team vowed to have vengeance.

There was no way the Rams would fall twice to Northern, so on their next meeting the Rams won with a shutout victory of 3-0, proving that they were a team to be reckoned with.

There were many changes that had to be made in the lineup. The team would rely on sophomore Jonathan Price to make some outstanding saves at goalie in some close games, while John Andrews always found a way to score in tight situations.

"The team was much improved this year, and I look for the team to continue improving in the future," Price said.

Nothing meant more to the team than their good luck charm *Jesse's duck*. Before each game, every member of the team would rub the duck for luck.

The biggest loss came against Flintstone which later went on to play in the finals.

Making playoffs was in its own self a great accomplishment. In the playoffs the team would draw Beall which was the team's first win of the season.

Unfortunately the team would not have the same luck losing in the first round with a 2-1 score.

"Soccer to me was the most fun time of my high school career," Jesse Ashby, senior, said. "I love soccer, and hope I can find the time and skill to play a little in college."

The team lost seven valuable seniors at various positions: Jesse Ashby, at mid-fielder and defender; Ryan Fike, defender; Brandon Frantz, defender; Cory Friend, forward and attacker; Justin Helbig, goal-

Best

season

Ever

keeper; Matt Sincell, stopper and defender; and Thomas Stuck, at defender and forward.

"We met most of our goals we set for ourself this year," Coach Tom Powers said.

One thing was for sure this was definitely a team with high expectations that were met with great intensity.

"It was great to be involved with this program that reached a lot of new milestones this year," The Almighty Sherman (Ryan Fike), senior, said. "We earned a lot of respect this year."



STEVEN
ALLISON
RUNS down
field to make
the stop.



TRYING TO FAKE OUT THE DEFENDER, John Andrews plots his strategy. Jeff McDaniel stands close by just in case John decides to pass the ball.

SOME FANCY FOOTWORK is being shown by Boo Jonson as he maneuvers around the defenders.



VARSITY SOCCER

2	Northern	4
3	Fort Hill	8
2	Beall	1
2	Allegany	5
6	Salisbury	2
2	Salisbury	1
7	Calvary Christian	2
1	Bishop Walsh	5
3	Northern	0
3	Westmar	5
1	Mt. Savage	2
1	Flintstone	8
	Playoffs	
1	Beall	2

THE RECORD BOOK

Won 5 Lost 7

DOING HIS BEST, Mark Ludwig tries to clear the ball out. Unfortunately, he got tangled up in the process.



Varsity: Front row: Jesse Ashby, Andrew Granke, Chad Lovett, Nick Glotfelly, TD Stuck, John Menker, Stephen Parisseau, Derrick Nelson, Boo Johnson, Steven

Allison Back row: Ryan Fike, Karlo Gesner, Jamie Durst, Daniel Sincell, Justin Helbig, Matt Sincell, Jeff McDaniel, John Andrews, Corey Friend, Mark Ludwig.



JV: Front row: Mick Wolf, Jim Hart, Paul Liller, Bonnie Riley, Frannie Coviello, Brian Oxford, Michael Schwalm, Mike Shahan **Back row:** Adam

Durst, Chris Friend, Jonathan Moriarity, Brian Rollman, Brandon Frantz, Justin Stephens, Caine Chorpenning, Jason Hershman, Nick Pratt, Andy Rounds

A GREAT DEFENSIVE STEAL is being made by Steve Parisseau. Next comes the task of trying to clear the ball through the defenders to an open teammate.



THE TEAM'S LEADING SCORER, John Andrews tries to cash in off the fast break.

By: Sara Thomas

"Overall, the JV Volleyball team had a pretty good year," Ms. Gwen Evans, JV Volleyball coach, said. "It was a tough season for me as a coach since I had 18 girls in the JV roster. It is hard for one person to try and coach 18 girls, but, for the most part, the girls were cooperative and patient, and most of the girls worked extremely hard."

The JV Volleyball team did have a good season with eight wins and six losses, and improved tremendously

'I think my overall greatest memory this year was at our Westmar game when we beat them.'

in their spiking skills. The overall team serving percentage for the games played was 92.3 percent.

"I have always stressed the importance of having good serves, and apparently they listened," Coach Evans said. "I believe that serving was their strength."

The team really had a lot of determination and discipline. Coach Evans said that when they came in the beginning of the season, they were basically an inexperienced team.

The team sounded like they had a great year and enjoyed working with each other.

"My second year of JV Volleyball was great," Missy Simmons, sophomore, said. "I got to start and I made many improvements. I think my overall greatest memory this year was at our Westmar game when we beat them."

The team struggled until the very end to win it and then when they played Westmar at home was probably the greatest game of the year for her, "because one of the sets I received from Erin Shaffer, I spiked in this girl's face, believe me it was a great feeling. It might sound mean, but it was really great!"

Along with some members of the team, Coach Evans enjoyed the season also.

"All in all, I truly appreciated working with the JV team," Coach Evans said. "Their enthusiasm and commitment was most enjoyable!"

Coach Evans said that the team worked very hard and was the hardest working group she has coached so far.

"Volleyball is a pretty cool sport to play," Chrissy Steyer, sophomore, said. "The practices are hard and the away games are the best. At the beginning of the season, it seems like everyone is enemies, but as time goes by, slowly people start to get along. There is nothing like leaving a game after you've won and

More

wins than

Not

knowing you earned your win."

The team seemed like they really learned a lot and had a great time doing it.

"This year's volleyball season was fun and exciting," Jessica Saturday, sophomore, said. "We learned that each game was a new beginning and also learned volleyball is a team sport, not an individual sport. Our JV team learned how to work together and play hard. I have improved a great deal this season as well as the rest of the team."



DETERMINED TO GET THE BALL over the net, Rachel Shaffer helps win the game. They won the game against Bishop Walsh two matches to zero.

DURING PRACTICE, Missy Simmons bumps the ball to a teammate. "Practice was hard, but worth every hour. We had fun but usually ended up taking everything very seriously."



A BACKSET AT THE BISHOP WALSH game finds Alicia Dixon busy while Erin Shaffer watches to see what happens. Alicia had 15 good sets for the season.

WAITING IN A READY POSITION, Chrissy Steyer, Jennifer Teagarden, Missy Simmons, and Brittany Slider are ready to return serve. They had a combined serve receive efficiency of 57 percent.



RECEIVING THE BALL and passing it to the setter is Erin Shaffer (right) as Brittany Slider and Chrissy Steyer watch. She knew how important it was to get a good pass to the setter because she, herself, was a setter.



AT A TIME DURING THE Bishop Walsh match, the team gets encouragement from their coach Ms. Gwen Evans. Jessica Saturday (center) was the captain of the team.



Front Row: Erin Shaffer, Chrissy Steyer, Erica Wilt, Missy Simmons, Nicki DeWitt, Rachel Shaffer
Row two: Jessica Hinebaugh, Diane Gordon, Sarah Winter, Brittany Slider, Melissa Kuykendall,

Tonya Cottrell **Back row:** Jennifer Teagarden, Keri Niner, Amy Johnson, Jessica Saturday, Meranda Byers, Megan Hickman

JV VOLLEYBALL

2	Flintstone	0
2	Bishop Walsh	0
0	Allegany	2
0	Northern	2
2	Fort Hill	0
1	Mt. Savage	2
2	Beall	0
2	Westmar	1
2	Oldtown	0
0	Mt. Savage	2
2	Westmar	1
2	Fort Hill	1
0	Allegany	2
0	Northern	2

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Won 8 Lost 6

By: Sindy Niner

The Varsity Volleyball team started their season off with an unusual win. From that game, the season started to slip away with five straight losses before the next win.

Even though some matches went the whole five games, the team only had three wins out of 14 matches. The season ended on an exciting game

'Many games I had to play sick because there was no other player to take my place.'

against Northern, but in the end the Volleyball team was once again defeated.

"The match against Allegany was our most interesting match," Misty Rodeheaver, senior, said. "The team really pulled together to come out one game shy of a victory."

With a starting lineup of all seniors, the team had a lot of determination that would make up for the lack of experience that the bench provided. A new volunteer coach, Ms. Sue Snyder, provided the drive and positive inspiration the team lacked.

The team didn't have much experience so the returning players had to step their game up to a new level.

"Many games I had to play sick because there was no other player to take my place," Angie Lechliter, senior, said. Even though she played through pain, Angie was the team's leading setter with 89 assists.

This schedule seemed to be the hardest schedule, but the team came off with a victory against Oldtown. Then had to finish the season with a home game against Northern.

In the end it once again came down to Southern vs. Northern in the playoffs. Despite the unthinkable record, the team managed to make playoffs. Now was

Shy on Volleyball Wins

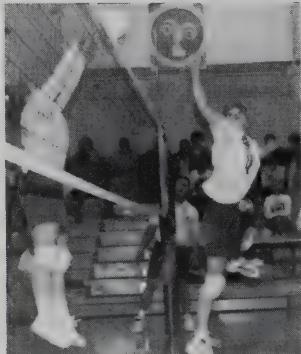
the time to put the whole season behind and concentrate on winning since playoffs were all or nothing.

"I liked playing in the playoffs, it gave me experience for next year," Jessica Saturday, sophomore, said. But once again the team would fall to the Huskies in a 3-0 loss to end the season.

"Of course the loss was a tough one since it came from Northern, but most of the team was glad because the season was finally over," Abby Hershman, senior, said.

The varsity team graduated six seniors: Sindy Niner, Angie Lechliter, and Misty Rodeheaver all four year players; Abby Hershman and Joy Sisler, three year players; and Alisha Dixon a two year player.

SINDY NINER TRIES TO PUNCH the ball over the net. She led the team in kills and placements.



PRACTICING RUNNING a six-two are Michelle Teter, Joy Sisler, and Alisha Dixon. The six-two varies from a four-two because every player is considered a spiker.





Varsity Volleyball

3	Flintstone	2
1	Bishop Walsh	3
0	Allegany	3
0	Northern	3
1	Fort Hill	3
0	Mt. Savage	3
3	Beall	0
0	Westmar	3
3	Oldtown	0
0	Mt. Savage	3
0	Westmar	3
0	Fort Hill	3
2	Allegany	3
1	Northern	3
0	Northern	3

THE RECORD BOOK
Won 3 Lost 12

WATCHING AS JOY SISLER makes the attack are Abby Hershman and Elizabeth Paesani. Joy's spike turned into a undigable kill.

Front row: Shelley Winters, Meredith Martin, Michelle Teter, Elizabeth Paesani, Rachel Lane. **Back row:** Angie Lechliter, Alisha Dixon, Erica Upole, Sindy Niner, Misty Rodeheaver, Joy Sisler, Abby Hershman.

PRACTICING HER SPIKES, Rachel Lane works during drills. The team tried a new approach called flaring, where each spiker in the front would go out to the sides.



FIRST YEAR PLAYER Abby Hershman eyes in the ball. Even though this was Abby's first year starting, she was a valuable asset as a setter on the team.

ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THE pass, Angie Lechliter looks to Meredith Martin. Angie was the team's leading setter with the most assists.



Four in a Row

By: Jody Bowser

"It is hard running with a championship because the competition is so great just between our team to make the top seven to run in big meets," Casey McBee, sophomore, said. "Next year the competition is going to be just as hard because we are coming back with another strong team."

"To lead a bunch of guys who are feared all over Maryland and in many neighboring states was the greatest experience I have ever had."

The Boys' Cross Country team has won four consecutive state titles at Hereford. Their team has had outstanding performance with five members of the team being all-staters, which is the top 15. The team intimidated other 1-A schools throughout Maryland with their record performance.

"Leading the Runnin' Rams at States was an awesome feeling," Sean Conroy, junior, said. "To lead a bunch of guys who are feared all over Maryland and in many neighboring states was the greatest experience I have ever had."

Cross Country gave a wonderful feeling to those who participated.

"It's hard to realize what it means to be a part of a team that has won four consecutive state championships," Daniel Shafer, sophomore, said.

It gave a real feeling of accomplishment knowing that you tried your hardest at running 3.1 miles in any type of weather. You really got close to your teammates. It was very much team-oriented which gave it all its success.

"What these extraordinary young men and women (the girls also won their state championship) did at

Hereford High School on November 9 will forever occupy a most special spot in each of their hearts and with each of their parents and supporters who were privileged to witness their historic 'twin state championships,'" Boys' Coach Carl Booth said. "It was the greatest day in my 36 years in coaching."

States was a very big deal to the team but the other meets counted as well. They put a lot of competition between the team to be eligible to compete in larger meets.

"There was a lot of competition within the team and that made the team more committed," Dan Sincell, junior, said. "It also made everybody come closer together."

Front row: Beau Gibson, Daniel Shafer, Andrew Sisler, Peter Porcaro, Ted Wolf **Back row:** Dan Sincell, Eric Rexrode, Eric Cosner, Adam Chorpenning, Mike Bittinger, Jared Beckman, Matt Sincell, Casey McBee, Sean Conroy, Justin Hershman, Coach Carl Booth



IN FRONT OF ALL THE RUNNERS, Dan Sincell is at a home meet at Broadford Park. The runners just completed the first part of the race called the "Dam Loop" running across the dam at the park.



LEADING THE RUNNIN' RAMS at States at Hereford, Sean Conroy crosses the finish line in seventh place. Although Sean was not expected to finish first on the team, many knew that he had the ability to do so.

AT AN ALL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY, Matt Sincell receives his state championship medal from Dr. Jerome Ryscavage, Superintendent of Garrett County schools. Matt was co-captain of the team.



AS THEY WERE NEARING the finish line within 1/4 of a mile, (r. to l.) Sean Conroy, Eric Rexrode, and Adam Chorpennig hold their places in the top 15 at States in the cold, harsh weather.

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY		
21	Preston County	58
	University	60
	Morgantown	119
15	University	50
24	Hampshire	39
	East Hardy	76
	Uniontown Invitational	
	1 out of 17	
23	Preston County	49
	Westmar	70
	FSU Invitational at	
	Fort Frederick	
	7 out of 17	
	WMIL at ACC	
	2 out of 6	
17	Northern	50
	Region 1-A West	
	Championship at Oakland	
	1 out of 11	
State Championship at Hereford		
1 out of 12		
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Won 68 Lost 7		



CASEY MCBEE crosses the finish line in front of teammates Sean Conroy and Adam Chorpennig at a home meet. Coach Carl Booth's smile can be seen at the far right.

WITH WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT, Coach Carl Booth pushes on Andrew Sisler during a meet. "Everyone that comes into Cross Country comes away with something, not just a State Championship either," Coach Booth said. "They come away with the feeling of belonging to something special, a family that is created and never forgotten."

Girls

By: Katelyne McBee

"This year I didn't feel like I was doing as well as I could on every race, but when I went to States, I tried to think about how well I did last year," Amy Snyder, sophomore said. "So I told myself not to worry; I ate my power bar and had a fun, hard, and very competitive race."

'The love and the respect that the girls on this team have for each other is what puts them in a class by themselves.'

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The Girls' Cross Country team ended their season successfully, winning their first ever Maryland Class 1-A State Championship. They had four runners in the top ten.

Lauren Newcomb, Amy Snyder, Erin Hoalcraft, and Angie Sincell were Southern's runners in the top ten. Lauren finished second in 20:57, Amy sixth in 21:35, Erin eighth in 21:52, and Angie tenth in 22:06.

The Rams finished the season with a 74-4 record. Along with being state champs, the Rams won the Western Maryland Interscholastic League (WMIL) championship at ACC, the County Championship at Northern, and the Western Maryland Regional Class 1A Championship at Oakland.

The team also won all their regular season meets, except for the Uniontown and Frostburg Invitations where they captured a third place in each.

Leading the Rams in their opening day was Lauren Newcomb in first place with a time of 20:57. She was closely followed by Meghan Dabney (21:01) and Amy Snyder (21:03). Angie Sincell was forth, Erin Hoalcraft seventh, and Katelyne McBee 12th.

"The love and the respect that the girls on this team have for each other is what puts them in a class by themselves," Coach Louie Newcomb said. "They are true champions even if they would have never won a

meet."

The Rams went on to continue their winning streak against University 15-40. That was the first race any Southern team ever received a perfect score. Their next win was against Hampshire 19-44.

Their first loss was at the Uniontown Invitational where they ran against 15 other high schools. The team was led by Dabney in 13th place, following right behind her was Newcomb in 14th.

The Rams second loss was at the Frostburg Invitational where they ran against 17 other high schools. Newcomb led the team with a 12th place.

Practices lasted from 3:30 to 5:30 about every day around Broad Ford Park.



THE STATE RACE FINDS
Angie Sincell sitting and waiting for the race to start. She finished in 10th place.

Front row: Devon McCleve, Megan Conroy, Keri Strubin, Angie Sincell, Erin Hoalcraft, Annie Neville. **Back row:** Coach Louis Newcomb, Christy Hoalcraft, Kristen Spurrier, Natalie Carlson, Mariah McBee, Amy Snyder, Katelyne McBee, Lauren Newcomb, Meghan Dabney, Shannon Spurrier, Beth Sauder, Erin Hoalcraft, Nicole Frazee, Randi Carpenter, Coach A. Rye



RUNNING AT THE BROAD FORD course, the home course for the Runnin' Rams, Keri Strubin helps the team capture a first place. Strubin finished in 14th place.



TEAMMATE NICOLE FRAZEE and a runner from University High School are closely trailing Devon McClive.

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY		
17	Preston	50
	Morgantown	73
	University	84
15	University	40
19	Hampshire	44
Uniontown Invitational 3 out of 15		
23	Preston	47
	Westmar	70
	Mt. Savage	82
FSU Invitational 3 out of 17		
30	Allegany	68
	Northern	76
	Westmar	91
	Fort Hill	96
	Beall	Inc.
	Mt. Savage	Inc.
15	Northern	49
Regional 1A West Championships 1 out of 10		
State Champion- ship 1 out of 8		
THE RECORD BOOK Won 74 Lost 4		



THE GIRLS HAPPILY WAIT to receive their state trophy. "I felt I didn't do my best at states, but it was only my first year," Angie Sincell said. "It was awesome that we won first place."



Mt. SAVAGE'S MOLLY ALBRIGHT is being chased by Katelyn McBee as they race at the WMIL Championships. "Molly is a great runner and that was my best race of the season trying to chase her," McBee said. "It was too bad she beat me in the end."

7 plus

By Misty Sharpless

"Some teams may have played better than us this year, but to me, the Lady Rams are the real winners," Coriell Lewis, sophomore, said. "No other team could have endured Coach (Jason) Shank's hard practices. I really feel that we all dedicated ourselves to the sport,

'I felt very rewarded when we won against Beall twice, Westmar, and Preston. The fourth game we played was at Beall, and we tore them up with a 38 point lead.'

and I will never forget the experiences I had on the team."

Coriell was the team's top scorer averaging 11.2 points per game. She was well known for her three point shots, having 32 three pointers. That was a record.

The team was very inexperienced, including Coach Jason Shank having his first year of coaching. Seven of the 12 girls had never really played before. Though the girls had a 4-16 record, six games were lost by seven points or less.

"Although we had a disappointing record, I felt we gave our best effort as a team in practically every game," Coach Shank said. "It was tough because all five starters from last year's team were gone. All of our players, and myself, as coach, were inexperienced, and above that, unselfish. All five starters lead in scoring in at least one game."

The things they learned will help them become more productive for later years.

"Even though our record wasn't the best, I had a fun basketball season," Katelyne McBee, sophomore, said. "I learned and experienced many things throughout those three months which I hope will benefit me on the varsity team next season."

Katelyne led in ball handling and played great defense. She had 71 points and a 63 percent free throw average.

The girls had a practice or a game nearly every night except Sunday. The hard work didn't bother the girls; they enjoyed the sport too much.

"Basketball is a great sport to be involved in," Shannon Elliott, sophomore, said. "It is very hard work, but it paid off in the end, every time we won a game. I felt very rewarded when we won against Beall twice, Westmar, and Preston. The fourth game we played was at Beall, and we tore them up with a 38 point lead."

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Even though they were not satisfied with their record, the girls found that the season contained a lot more than just basketball.

"I feel that the season had many rewarding things," Melissa Kuykendall, freshman, said. "I had a great time at practices, and especially games, like how we beat Beall both times we played them. I also made many good friends that I might not know, had I not joined the team. I will never forget the time we locked Joy Jackson in the locker, before our last game against Petersburg. Even though we lost that game, seeing Joy in the locker was a great way to end the season."

The girls would not give up, no matter how bad things got. After vomiting, Coriell Lewis refused to sit on the bench. She knew her team needed her, so she continued to play, scoring 22 points that game.



BEFORE IT GOES OUT OF BOUNDS, Becca Gangler dives after a loose ball hoping to get it to one of her teammates. Coach Jason Shank said that he thought the girls did an excellent job of playing together and working as a team.



AMIDST TWO PETERSBURG DEFENDERS, Becca Gangler pulls down a rebound. Becca was the team's leading rebounder through the season.

AS A PETERSBURG DEFENDER tries to steal the ball in the second meeting of the two teams, Annie Neville drives to the basket. Even though the JV lost to Petersburg, it was a tremendous improvement over the first time they played them.



Seated: Joy Jackson, Kathleyne McBee. **Front row:** Melissa Kukendyle, Erica Tinsley, Annie Neville, Jessica Upole, Corelle Lewis, Kim Teter. **Back row:** Coach Mike Fazenbaker, Jennifer Teagarden, Becca Gangler, Shannon Elliott, Miranda Byers, Tiffany Craver, Amber Foglepole, Head Coach Jason Shank.



GIRLS' JV BASKETBALL

14	Petersburg	47
23	Frankfort	37
31	Westmar	24
52	Beall	14
28	Keyser	29
37	Preston	34
25	Northern	36
26	Westmar	32
31	Fort Hill	44
37	Keyser	42
51	Beall	18
30	Allegany	44
36	Tucker	68
35	Northern	39
26	Keyser	18
30	Fort Hill	46
27	Allegany	33
19	Tucker	45
31	Frankfort	43
22	Petersburg	43

THE RECORD BOOK

Won 4 Lost 16

CORIELL LEWIS SHOOTS for one of her 32 three pointers. Coriell scored 174 points as a sophomore.



A TEAMMATE IN TROUBLE gets Coriell Lewis' attention as she tries hard to get open to help. Coriell worked hard all year, even after she threw up in the middle of a few games; she always came back in and gave 100 percent.

AT A HOME GAME, Katelyne McBee shoots a jumper over a Beall defender. Katelyne was the starting point guard and got a lot of outside jump shots.

Srs.

By Mariah McBee

"This was my first experience coaching any girls' sport, and I loved it," Coach Bill Dignan said. "The girls were terrific. The seniors were excellent leaders which made my job easier."

This was his first year being coach at Southern.

'I feel that our highlight of the season was when we played Westmar for the third time.'

Dignan said that he had to put a lot of coaching time in, but when he was doing something he loved, he couldn't call it work.

With a slow start, the Lady Rams worked toward a great season with 16 wins and nine loses.

Lauren Newcomb was the best 3-point shooter, making 14 throughout the season. Meghan Dabney controlled the free throws, shooting 61 percent from the line and Kerri Cannon was the top all-around shooter with an average of 16.2 points a game.

The Rams had to play Clear Spring, Westmar, and then Williamsport in the playoffs. They beat Clear Springs with a score of 68-35.

When playing Westmar, the Rams were the underdogs but played their hearts out to win 63-58.

"I feel that our highlight of the season was when we played Westmar for the third time," Bridget Miller, junior, said. "The first two times they beat us; once only by one point. So when we got the opportunity to play them again, we were ready to beat them. Everyone gave words of encouragement, and we all played as a team. With these two main reasons, we were able to

make job Easy

win and enjoy a great victory."

The team then had a very hard time accepting their loss to Williamsport in the semifinals. They only shot 18 percent from the floor and 28 percent from the foul line. It was their worst showing all year and ended up losing by 10 points.

"Our basketball season was a great success," Michelle Teter, junior, said. "We were a small team that not many believed in, but we worked hard and almost made it to states. Losing to Williamsport was a huge disappointment."



Front row: Erin Shaffer, Michelle Teter, Meghan Dabney, Elizabeth Paesani, Marni Sweitzer, Lauren Newcomb, Coach Gary Newcomb (Asst.)
Back row: Coach Bill Dignan, Kerri Cannon, Natalie Carlson, Laura Friend, Jessica Saturday, Bridget Miller

GOING IN FOR THE LAY-UP, Meghan Dabney works between two Westmar Wildcat girls. Meghan was going on to play basketball at Kenyon University next year.



HUGGING IN JOY, Kerri Cannon, Elizabeth Paesani, Michelle Teter, and Katelyne McBee show their emotions right after their win over Westmar in the playoffs. Soon after this, the Southern fans ran over and made a pileup in the middle of the floor.

WHILE TRYING TO KEEP the basketball controlled, Lauren Newcomb attempts to get around the player for Westmar. In this game, the Rams were the underdogs, but played their hearts out and won.

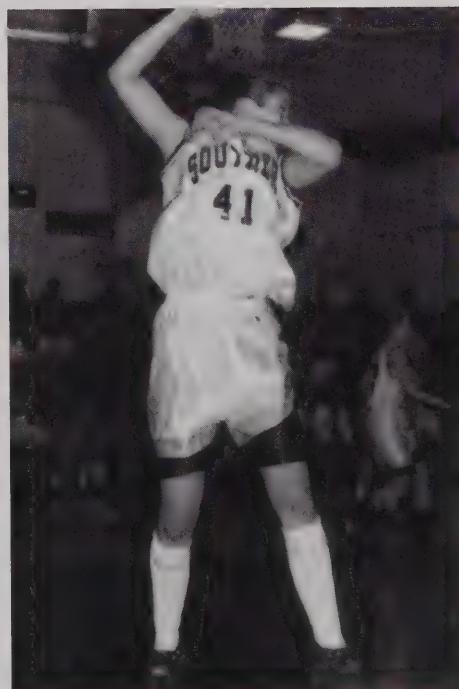


GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

49	Mt. Savage	36
49	Petersburg	63
18	Frankfort	53
50	Westmar	60
71	Beall	34
37	Wheeling Park	64
27	East Fairmont	47
48	Northern	44
50	Westmar	51
59	Fort Hill	39
54	Keyser	36
26	Tucker County	91
80	Beall	24
51	Allegany	42
73	Petersburg	64
67	Northern	44
50	Keyser	29
67	Mt. Savage	53
64	Fort Hill	51
58	Allegany	39
44	Tucker County	81
38	Frankfort	50
68	Clear Springs	35
63	Westmar	58
38	Williamsport	48

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TRYING HARD ON DEFENSE, Elizabeth Paesani jumps into the air. She was also one of the two juniors that started.

BRIDGET MILLER LOOKS TO PASS the ball to someone that's open. She is one of the two juniors that started for the team.

WHILE BEING CLOSELY GUARDED by a Petersburg player, Kerri Cannon takes the shot. The team ended up winning the game with a score of 73-64.

By Megan Redinger

Would we have gone to States in football if Nathan Rickman would have played?

In basketball, would we have beat Fort Hill if Aaron Newcomb would have played?

These questions may have never crossed our

'I was excited about the season and then I had to have surgery done on my leg.'

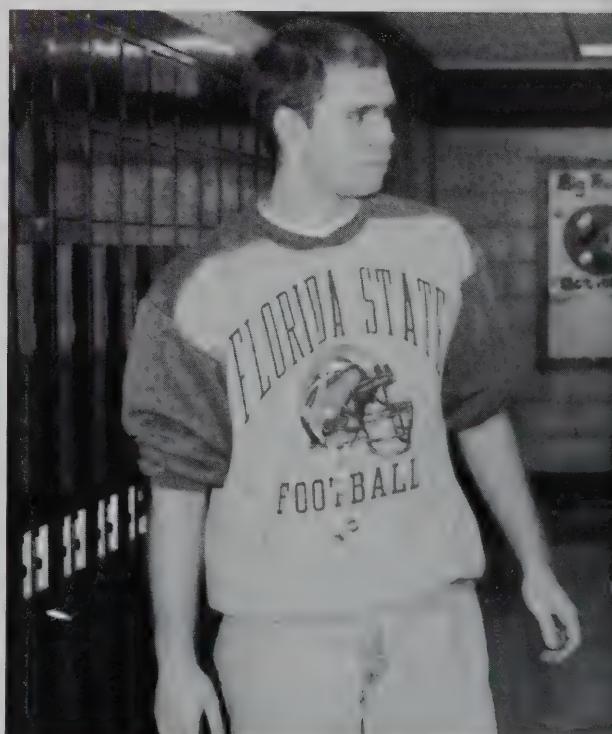
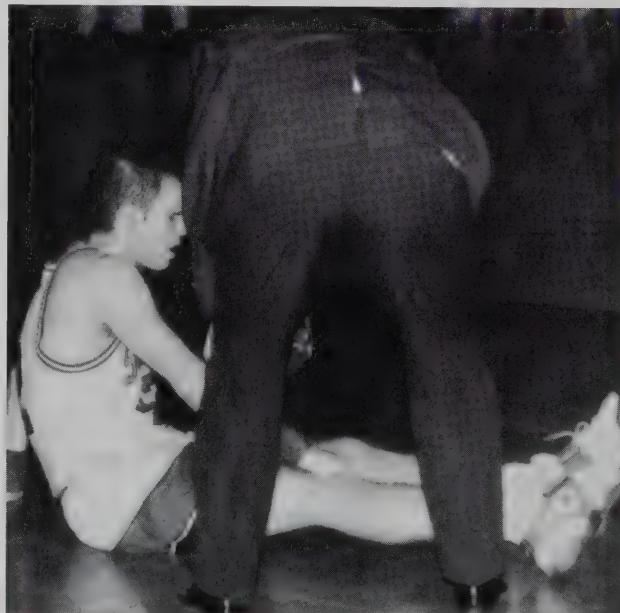
minds if it wouldn't have been for the injuries that plagued Southern High this fall and winter sports season.

During the football season, there were many injuries that disallowed the athletes to play at all or to be "benched" a few games to heal themselves.

Some athletes were injured, but were still allowed to play.

"I was injured in a practice, even before our opening game," A.T. Marucci, sophomore, said. "I was excited about the season and then I had to have surgery done on my leg. Dr. (Donna) Alvarez told me that I could not play this year at all, I was disappointed."

WHEN HE WAS DRIVING to the basket, Matt Ruff injured his knee at the Mt. Savage game as an opposing team member stepped in front of his way to take a charge. "I was just thankful that it was not serious," Matt Ruff said. "It seems that injuries always seem to plague the basketball team all at once, with Aaron (Newcomb) out with his knee, Mike (Flanagan) out with his back and that happening to me."



A

time to

Heal

Nathan Rickman was seriously injured and was out for weeks, but then he healed enough to play, only to injure himself again, in a different place.



AS HE IS FINDING OUT what happened to his knee during football season, Matt Ruff walks with A.T. Marucci. "It is bad enough that my knee was hurt and I had to have surgery, but it happened at a practice before the first game even arrived," Marucci said.

WHILE NATHAN RICKMAN waits patiently to show his coach his broken wrist and swollen knee, Coach Mike Wilburn looks at Shawn Durst's broken thumb. "I am just glad that I was still able to play after I broke my thumb in the Musselman game," Shawn Durst said.

WALKING DOWN STAIRS is hard to do after Kristie Hoalcraft hurt her ankle in a Cross Country meet. Fortunately, she was only out for a couple of meets and was able to run in States.

By Marshall Rodeheaver

The JV Boys' Basketball season ended with the Rams holding a record of 14-6. The team managed to defeat most of their biggest rivals twice.

"The season was very successful and I can't wait to play on varsity next year," Jayson Garland, sophomore, said. "I especially remember the game against

'The Fort Hill game was the best for me because I made my first three point shot during that game.'

Mt. Savage when I scored 18 points."

Garland was the third leading scorer during the year, averaging 9.8 points a game.

"The season was very successful," Mike Paesani, sophomore, said, "because we worked hard to overcome obstacles. Our goal for the class of '99 basketball team is to win the State Championship and we won't settle for anything less."

Paesani averaged 11.7 points a game for the Rams to be their leading scorer.

Mike Pamepinto, sophomore and the second leading scorer, said, "I really enjoyed playing basketball this year, I also enjoyed playing for Coach Jim Bosley."

Games weren't the only exciting part of the season. "Practices were the most fun and the most challenging," Jesse Coddington, sophomore, said. "(Coach) Bosley really helped us become the best."

Chris Ewing, sophomore, agreed when he said, "The season was a real challenge and I'm glad that we accomplished our goals. The success should continue next year as well."

Front row: Reggie Ridder, Chris Ewing, Cory Bosley, Jesse Coddington, Mike Harvey. **Back row:** Jon Ruff, Jayson Garland, Mike Paesani, Mike Pamepinto, Jonathan Price.

Won't settle for less

Leading the team in foul shooting was Mike Harvey with 77 percent.

"This season was really great," Harvey, a sophomore, said. "I really had fun just hanging out with the guys. The Fort Hill game was the best for me because I made my first three point shot during that game."

"This group of kids went from a below average freshmen squad to a very good JV Basketball team," Coach Bosley said. "The more you play, the better you will be, and this was obvious with this group of kids. I credit the success to an excellent off season."





POSITIONING HIMSELF IN FRONT of the Northern opponents, Jesse Coddington tries to get a rebound. Jesse managed to get a lot of rebounds considering he is only 5'7".



LEAPING FOR A REBOUND over a Bishop Walsh defender, Jayson Garland attempts to keep the ball alive. Southern defeated Bishop Walsh twice during the season.



"**THE GAME WE PLAYED** at Northern was the best game for me, because I scored 19 points," Mike Pamepinto said. He is putting up a shot against a Northern defender.

BOYS' JV BASKETBALL		
49	Bishop Walsh	41
54	Mt. Savage	40
55	Westmar	24
44	Beall	40
36	Keyser	41
66	Northern	50
54	Fort Hill	56
55	Mt. Savage	39
67	Allegany	51
52	Bishop Walsh	48
47	Tucker County	55
38	Keyser	44
72	Northern	33
44	Beall	43
41	Westmar	39
62	Tucker County	41
50	Fort Hill	56
31	Frankfort	27
49	Allegany	51
55	Frankfort	32

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A HOME GAME against Bishop Walsh finds Mike Paesani driving to the basket. The basket helped lift the Rams to a victory.



AN ATTEMPT TO ADD to his points sees Jayson Garland with a lay up in a game against Bishop Walsh. The success in the Bishop Walsh games helped with morale of the team.



MIKE HARVEY PUTS UP A SHOT at a Bishop Walsh game. Mike lead the team in foul shooting with 77 percent.

By Carrie Friend

A three game win streak and a slam dunk at the buzzer by Jared Beckman led the Rams into the Region I-A tournament. The Rams got a slow start at the beginning of the season, losing their first three games, but came back at the end to get a strong start for playoffs.

The two part-time starters back were seniors Matt Ruff and Jared Beckman.

'For the season we got consistent play out of our young guards Everd, Andrews, and DiSimone.'

"Jared has good timing and has the ability to block or alter opponents' shots," Coach Tom Bosley said.

Other lettermen back were seniors Aaron Newcomb, Ryan Adams, and Mike Flanagan.

"Aaron is an outstanding athlete, who brings good quickness and tremendous mental toughness to the squad," Coach Bosley said.

Ryan was counted on for his long range shooting, while Mike had to rebound and played aggressive defense.

"Nathan (DiSimone) was one of the best man-to-man defenders on the team," Coach Bosley said. "Andrews was a good offensive player and Everd was another quick defender."

The players that moved up from junior varsity were John Andrews, Derek Everd, Josh Helbig, DiSimone, Mike Bittinger, and Chris Bittinger. Many of them saw a considerable amount of playing time.

"For the season we got consistent play out of our young guards Everd, Andrews, and DiSimone," Coach Bosley said. "We need a great summer of work to get back to the expectations of Southern basketball."

After dropping four of their first five games, the team turned things around with a win over Northern and a big victory at Keyser.

The Rams lost at Fort Hill after leading the under-

AN OPEN PERSON is what Matt Ruff (42) is looking for. Each time they played Bishop Walsh, they lost by just a few points.

Slow

start, strong

End

feated Sentinels throughout most of the game. Their play, however, did help their confidence.

There was much improvement in the play of the team, as they recorded a pair of victories over teams that were ranked higher in area standings.

Bosley said that Josh Helbig had to make a contribution both on offense and defense, while Cody Lewis, Chris Bittinger and Mike Bittinger took on the remaining spots on the team.

Andrews finished second in the area in free throw percentage, while Beckman was second team All-Western Maryland Interscholastic League (WMIL) and an All-Area honorable mention.

The basketball season came to an end when the Rams were defeated by Clear Spring in the first round of the Class 1A West Region playoffs.



TRYING TO GET a few extra points is Ryan Adams (24). Ryan was counted on for his long range shooting.



RYAN ADAMS (24) IS LOOKING for someone to pass the ball to. The Rams lost after leading the undefeated Sentinels throughout most of the game.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

62	Bishop Walsh	63
55	Mt. Savage	62
46	Westmar	49
53	Beall	45
43	Bishop Walsh	45
34	Preston	39
59	Keyser	54
72	Northern	39
44	Fort Hill	50
57	Mt. Savage	49
82	Allegany	67
39	Tucker County	68
49	Keyser	61
53	Northern	40
50	Frankfort	38
42	Beall	39
61	Westmar	65
58	Tucker County	62
59	Fort Hill	71
50	Frankfort	45
45	Allegany	69
52	Clear Spring	60

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Seated: manager A.J. Bender **Front row:** Chris Bittinger, Cody Lewis, John Andrews, Nathan DiSimone, Aaron Newcomb, Derek Everd, Ryan Adams **Back row:** Eben Lynch, Coach Dave Bender,

Mike Bittinger, Josh Helbig, Jared Beckman, Matt Ruff, Mike Flanagan, Head Coach Tom Bosley, Coach Matt Redinger, manager Michael Saturday.



CHEERED ON by the 6th Man Club, Jared Beckman goes for a slam dunk. The Rams won the game against Northern 72 to 39.

A VERY HARD LAY-UP is being attempted by Nathan DiSimone (22). Bishop Walsh won both of the games played this season.

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE to pass the ball to is John Andrews (20). John was the starting point guard and had to be able to distribute the ball quickly and efficiently.

Three

By Marshall Rodeheaver

The Wrestling team finished seventh in the state out of more than 70 teams, the highest ever in school history. The Rams also finished second at the Regionals, as well as having five State qualifiers.

"This was my last year wrestling and after placing

'The season was very successful, because we had five State qualifiers. States was especially good for me because I finished second.'

third at States, there was no way that I could have done any better," Howard Crocco, senior, said. "I wish next year's wrestling team all the luck in the world."

Crocco, Eric Rexrode, and Nathan Rickman finished at States for the Rams. Crocco finished third at States while Rickman was the Runner-up for the second year in a row, and Rexrode also finished second.

"I really enjoyed wrestling this year, even though I didn't complete all of my goals," Rickman, a senior, said. "Going to States and Nationals was great and I feel privileged to have been able to wrestle for the Rams."

Eric Rexrode, sophomore, was pleased with his success when he said, "The season was very successful, because we had five State qualifiers. States was especially good for me because I finished second."

Paul Tepper, senior, was the most improved wrestler of the season. He also finished first in Regionals along with the other two seniors.

"The Cody Brenneman incident was a mistake, and although it was funny to watch, it should never happen again," Tepper said.

Brenneman defeated Rickman and kept him from having a perfect season.

Front row: Paul Tepper, Eric Rexrode, Howard Crocco, Nathan Rickman, Tommy Sweitzer, Ricky Hamilton **Back row:** Tommy Deal, Steve Shiflett, Chad Troshak, Nick Dolan, Jeremy Hayhurst

go to

State

"Overall the team has showed improvement every year for the last three years," Coach Kurt Lear said. "We have a great group of talented kids, and I feel privileged to have coached them. Even though we are losing three good seniors, we are gaining three freshmen that look very promising."

Lear also stated that he is disappointed with the lack of interest in wrestling. Because of the lack of interest, several weight classes were not filled and Southern's opponents gained six points. This added to the challenge of winning.

"Wrestling is very fun," Ricky Hamilton, sophomore, said, "because when you step onto the mat, it is up to you to get the job done."





TOMMY SWEITZER ATTEMPTS TO KEEP his opponent on his back to get the pin. Sweitzer took second place at the Regionals.

STATE RUNNER-UP for the second year in a row, Nathan Rickman attempts to get out of a hold in a match against Westmar. Rickman went on to win the match.

WRESTLING

43	Westmar	25
21	Williamsport	45
33	Northern	42
39	Fort Hill	33
42	Fort Hill	28
25	Northern	42
46	Lewis County	21
31	Northern	38
43	Westmar	24
21	Meyersdale	39
42	Hyndman	18
37	Beall	24
Fourth in Bi-County Tournament		

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A WESTMAR OPPONENT is being held down by Derrick Dove. Southern's win helped with the team's morale.

"**I LOST THE MATCH** because of my lack of experience," Ricky Hamilton said after being caught by the camera preparing to take on an opponent.



THE MOST IMPROVED WRESTLER of the season, Paul Tepper holds an opponent from Westmar down. Tepper also finished first in Regionals along with the other two seniors.

A SEASON FINISHER with a record of 11-1, Rodney Byrd tries to flip his opponent onto his back in a home game.

We

work just as

Hard

By Katelyne McBee

"Cheerleading is a sport because we have to practice every week and during summer vacation," Crystal Hinnant, sophomore, said. "Although we do not compete against other teams, we still work just as hard as

'It's a sport because like any other sport, we have to use a lot of physical strength and we have to work together as a team'

any other sport in the school."

A sport was considered to amuse oneself or others with some pleasant past-time or recreation. A cheerleader was a person who initiated and directed the spectators at athletic events or school rallies to help respond to the sport in a positive manner.

Cheerleaders used their athletic ability, their gymnastic routines, and personal talent to perform in front of large crowds. This took lots of practice to keep routines in perfect timing.

They had a big job of keeping their fans with good sportsman like conduct and they had to show respect for other cheerleaders, coaches, players, and peers at all times.

"It's a sport because like any other sport, we have to use a lot of physical strength and we have to work together as a team," Rita Powell, senior said.

Cheerleaders could not miss practice, they traveled to all games and got home very late at times. Their homework had to be completed for the following school day and they had to maintain good grades just like any other sport to stay on the squad. Even when they're very tired keeping school life and personal life together, they had to always look their best.

Cheerleaders also had to attend summer camps to improve their skills to help lead their school teams to victories. Other athletes did this also.

Other sports were a lot harder than just saying a bunch of cheers, though. An example was basketball where you had to be able to dribble; in cross country

THE CROWD REALLY GETS into an intense Girls' Basketball game to help keep the players moving. Even though the cheerleaders did not cheer for the girls' games, they played a vital role in keeping the crowd excited.

you had to be able to run a long distance; and soccer you had to have a lot of ball skills.

"It depends on the way you look at it," Megan Redinger, senior, said. "No we don't compete at competitions anymore, but we still have practices like every other sport."

"No, I don't consider cheerleading a sport because all they do is say a bunch of cheers," Casey McBee, sophomore said. "It can't be that hard."

Some said they did not consider it a sport, but cheerleading took a lot of time and dedication, just as other sports did. That's was why it is a sport.



SIGNS FOR THE
FOOTBALL
games are
being made
by Megan
Redinger.

The
cheerleaders
made many
signs to hang
up during the
football and
the basket-
ball seasons.



THE CHEERLEADERS ARE TRYING to get the crowd excited during a close football game. The cheerleaders agreed that most of the time the crowd was great, but sometimes they really had to work hard to get them going.

WITH A SMILE ON HER FACE, Bryanne Miller is showing how much she enjoys cheering.



DURING HALFTIME at a basketball game, the cheerleaders show their stuff. "Halftime routines were fun, but it's better to do stuff that involves the crowd," Lindsay Garris said.



SHOWING THEIR FLEXIBILITY, Bryanne Miller and Alison Rudy display a kickline for the crowd. "Nobody really thinks that cheering is physically demanding, but it actually takes a lot of flexibility, stamina, and a good sense of humor," Alison Rudy said.

BEFORE HEADING TO THE HIGH SCHOOL to cheer, Bryanne Miller is having trouble doing her hair, while Kandice Shomo's hair is in curlers. Many of the cheerleaders liked getting ready together before games.

By Desiree Spady

The Boys' Tennis team had a good year with a winning record of 9-2. After Bi-County, their record was 13-2.

During the regular season, the team lost twice to Allegany both times with a score of 3-4, however when

'Brandon was not only a true champion (at Regionals), but an individual not expected to win, but won it all!'

they went to Bi-County, they beat Allegany.

The results of the Bi-County Tournament were: Southern 11.5, Allegany 10.5, Northern 8.5, and Beall 3. In the boys' singles championship Brandon Ferguson came in first defeating Allegany's John Failing. Brandon's record was 14-0.

Brandon captured the singles championship in Maryland State Regional high school tennis tournament. Luke Grimshaw had been picked to win States even before Regionals. Brandon beat him 6-4 and 7-5.

Regionals improved Brandon's record to 17-0. Even though Brandon made a good effort at States, he lost in the second round.

"There are champions and there are true champions and the difference is this: a champion is a person who is good and proves it by winning, a true champion is good, but is the underdog, who overcomes adversity, and finds a way to win," Coach Nick Drobac said. "Brandon was not only a true champion (at Regionals), but an individual not expected to win, but won it all!"

Everybody on the tennis team had different ways to get themselves motivated to play and to keep them playing throughout the year.

"It a game; keep playing as long as you are having fun," Brandon said.

At Bi-County, the boys doubles (Melvin Rexrode and Justin Stephens) were the champions beating Allegany. Their record was 3-0.

Even though, sophomore Todd Tasker and freshman Bryson Paugh lost their second match and Bi-County but they still had fun playing.

"The Indian guy came to the net and when I saw him I tried my hardest to hit him but every time I tried I missed, then they all hit the ground when I hit the ball

Only

lost

Two

but I had fun," Todd said. "Then I served the ball from the fence, then we lost, the end."

The team had four new players and a new coach. Most of the new players had different goals.

"My goals were to try to do my best," Boo Johnson, sophomore, said. "I liked playing tennis a lot and I am going to play next year."

Even though tennis was fun during a match, it was usually taken seriously.

"Even though I didn't like tennis as much this year, I did better because I was more focused," Mike Pampeinto, sophomore, said. "It was pretty fun having my girlfriend on the team."

Bryson and Todd had a record of 2-0. They liked playing doubles together.

"Cheech's (Todd's) experience helped me concentrate in a clutch situation," Bryson said.

Even with a new coach, the boys' overall did well. Coach Drobac had fun coaching his first year.

"We had a great year this year and who ever takes over next year as head coach should have a great team," Coach Drobac said. "Winning the Bi-County tournament was totally unexpected, but it was an example of the commitment of the players to success."

THE LOCAL COURTS FIND
Todd Tasker warming up. Todd, along with Bryson Paugh, had a doubles record of 2-0.



AT BEALL, Justin Stephens is returning a serve. He played Justin McFarland and ended with a score of 10-0.



THIRD YEAR PLAYER Melvin Rexrode is in the middle of a game at Beall. His record was 8-3.

AT BEALL, Brandon Ferguson is warming up with his opponent. Brandon's record was 14-0 at the end of the year.



AT A HOME TENNIS MATCH, Jamie Durst is getting ready to serve the ball. At the end of the year, he was #5 on the team.

BOYS' TENNIS

5	Hampshire	2
4	Bishop Walsh	3
4	Petersburg	2
3	Allegany	4
5	Petersburg	2
4	Bishop Walsh	3
5	Beall	0
5	Northern	2
5	Fort Hill	2
7	Fort Hill	0
3	Allegany	4
	Bi-County	
	1 out of 4	

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Front row: Boo Johnson, Jamie Durst, Melvin Rexrode, Brandon Ferguson **Back row:** Mike Pamepinto, Justin Stephens, Bryson Paugh, Jeremy Miller

A HIGH BALL CAUSES Melvin Rexrode to reach his highest against an opponent at Fort Hill. Melvin was #2 in the team.

By Naomi Stoner

Strike three, you're out! Softball started out the season by working hard. They had worked hard in the past, but this year the team had some obstacles to overcome.

At first, the team had to learn to work well together, which they had accomplished. A few team members had difficulties adjusting to the practice hours and

'Regardless of my broken jaw, I had a good season. I'm really going to miss the team.'

game times. After a few weeks things seemed to fall into place.

The Lady Rams consisted of two freshmen, one sophomore, six juniors and five seniors. The team was coached by Dave Bosley and assisted by Christy Eyer.

Brandi Stoner was supposed to step up on the mound as starting pitcher, but was put on the disabled list after being injured in practice the day before opening day with a broken jaw. Brandi missed five games.

"Regardless of my broken jaw, I had a good season," Stoner, a senior, said. "I'm really going to miss the team."

Senior Ary Bosley took over when Brandi was injured. This was the first time for Ary pitching and she only walked two batters.

Jennifer Teagarden, who played varsity as a freshman, came in and finished off the season for the Lady Rams. Opening day came early compared to last year, when games were canceled and rescheduled due to inclement weather.

The first game of the season, which was lost to Westmar by a score of 10-9, marked Southern's first loss in the Western Maryland Interscholastic League.

"Suffering through a rather disappointing season," Coach Dave Bosley said, "will hopefully show the

As Ary Bosley steps up to the plate, the ball is released, she swings, it's going...going...GONE! Ary hit a homerun in the Northern game bringing the score to 19-2.

Jaw keeps Stoner out

underclassmen that hard work and dedication is what we will need to be successful in the future."

The softball team worked together to raise money to purchase new uniforms for the varsity players. The 15 uniforms cost over \$2,100, but were not received in time for opening day.

"I enjoyed playing varsity Softball, I had a lot of fun and made a lot of friends," Amanda Reese, freshman, said. "I'm really going to miss the seniors."

At the Sports Banquet, Amanda Reese received the Golden Glove, Jennifer Teagarden received the Coach's Award and Erica Johnson received Highest Batting Average of .446.

"I was very much honored to play varsity as a freshman," Teagarden said. "It was definitely a learning experience and I can't wait 'till next year."

TRYING TO GET A RUNNER OUT, Erica Johnson wings the ball to second base to try to end the steal. Throwing down is one of the hardest jobs of a catcher.





AS THE NORTHERN PLAYER RETURNS to first base, Sarah Murray is waiting on the ball to make a play. Sarah started at first base throughout the season.

SOFTBALL		
10	Westmar	9
9	Fort Hill	6
13	Beall	0
15	Northern	1
29	Flintstone	0
11	Mt. Savage	7
19	Tucker County	5
17	Allegany	13
21	Beall	8
18	Northern	10
17	Fort Hill	11
13	Northern	5
13	Allegany	12
4	Westmar	2
12	Tucker County	2
4	Beall	3
11	Northern	4

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JV: Front Row: Jessica Hinebaugh, Erica Tinsley, Miss Simmons, Courtney Tressler, Autumn Uphold, Melissa Kuykendall, Jennifer Sanders **Back Row:** Paula Glotfelty, Michelle McCartney, Tiffany Sears, Laura Friend, Amy Johnson, Nicole Kitzmiller, Ashley Reese, Coach Christy Eyler



Varsity: Front row: Coach Dave Bosley, Jennifer Teagarden, Donnelle Dick, Carrie Filsinger, Shelley Winters, Brandi Stoner **Back row:** Erin Shaffer, Ary Bosley, Erica Johnson, Sarah Murray, Autumn Newcomb, Kristina Hardesty, Naomi Stoner, Amanda Reese



AFTER HAVING AN AWESOME HIT to the outfield, Amanda Reese rounds first base on her way to second. Amanda got a triple, then scored on a single by Kristina Hardesty.

ASSISTANT COACH CHRISTY EYLER is telling Brandi Stoner what a great hit she just had. Brandi had a batting average of .236.

By Carrie Friend

"Tennis had a rough start," Meghan Mou, junior, said. "We only had four returning players. We started off with one coach and ended up with another one. We all worked together and had a successful season."

'We were a young team with only one senior on the team. We improved throughout the season and many of the girls' games got a lot better.'

Meghan Dabney, Mou, Amy Suess, and Desiree Spady all won in singles for the team and the doubles team of Dabney and Mou was also a victorious win against Bishop Walsh.

Southern's points were earned by undefeated Dabney in singles and by Dabney and Mou with a doubles win, but the tennis team was still defeated by Northern.

Mou and Spady each won singles matches for the girls.

"I had the best doubles partner," Mou said. "We received the best outstanding doubles award."

For overall tennis stats, Meghan Dabney in singles won 16 and lost one. Meghan Mou won seven and lost four. Amy Suess and Abby Brown each won three and lost eight.

For overall doubles teams, Meghan Dabney and Meghan Mou won nine and lost two.

Front row: Meghan Dabney, Bridget Hartman, Jeanean DeWitt, Kim Hinebaugh, Meghan Mou **Back row:** Nicole Frazee, Katie Helbig, Erin McClive, Desiree Spady, Coach William Dignan

One coach to a 2nd.

"We were a young team with only one senior on the team," Coach William Dignan said. "We improved throughout the season and many of the girls' games got a lot better. With hard work and dedication this team will continue to get better and surprise a lot of teams next year. We would like to say good-bye to Meghan Dabney, who contributed so much to the team. We wish her well at Kenyon College next year."





A GREAT RETURN is being admired by Meghan Dabney as she just scored her a point over Coach William Dignan in a scrimmage during practice. Coach Dignan took on the position of coach in order to help Meghan after the previous coach quit.

HER SWING is what Amy Suess is working on. Practices weren't hard, but they did require a lot of dedication from the players.



PRACTICE FINDS NICOLE FRAZEE getting ready to serve the ball. "Tennis was fun because everyone played well together and had fun," Nicole said.



REACHING DOWN, Meghan Mou scoops up a low hit for the return. Meghan won seven of her matches out of 11.



DURING PRACTICE, Abby Brown returns a hit from another player. Abby was the sixth player on the ladder for the girls.

MEGHAN MOU WORKS AGAINST her opponent from Beall. Meghan won the match with a score of 6-4, 6-2.

GIRLS' TENNIS

3	Hampshire	4
5	Bishop Walsh	2
2	Petersburg	5
2	Allegany	5
5	Beall	0
3	Petersburg	4
5	Bishop Walsh	2
5	Fort Hill	2
3	Northern	4
3	Fort Hill	4
3	Allegany	4

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Won 4 Lost 7

By Michelle Goralski

"It was a successful season because we only had two returning starters and still won the area championship," Matt Ruff, senior, said.

The team lost seven of nine starters from last year's State Runner-Up team. Seth Tressler and Joel Up-

'I think we should of gone further, but I think we did pretty good considering the fact that we were young and inexperienced.'

hold, both seniors, were the only two returning starters.

"I think we should of gone further, but I think we did pretty good considering the fact that we were young and inexperienced," Uphold said.

The team won the Area Championship for the fourth year in a row and the WMIL (Western Maryland Interscholastic League) for the second year in a row.

"I'm really glad I played baseball this year," Boyd Bagwell, sophomore, said. "The team worked hard and had a lot of fun doing it. I'm looking forward to my next two years playing baseball and hope that it is as enjoyable as it was this year."

Uphold with six wins, and Chad Warnick with five wins, were the two best pitchers.

"I'll probably miss the bus rides to and from other schools the most because that's where all of the players get to relax and have a lot of fun joking around," Tressler said.

Jason Weaver and Chris Bittinger excelled on defense and therefore were awarded the Golden Glove (awards) at the Sports Banquet.

The MVP, for the second time, was Joel Uphold.

By Nicole Frazee – JV Baseball

"We finished 14-2 which equals the most wins in a JV season," Tom Bosley, coach, said, "We played excellent defense, got good pitching and had a little better than average hitting team."

JV Baseball had an excellent season with a score of 14-2.

"It was a great season because we kicked a lot of butt," Chris Ewing, sophomore, said.

The highest batting average was held by Mike Shahan with a .419 average. The Golden Glove (best defensive) award was given to Jason Hinebaugh.

"We had a great season because we won a lot of games," Justin Rinker, sophomore, said.

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The most improved player was Keith Parks, a sophomore. "I think I got the award because last year I was very weak in the field and this year I was a better fielder," Parks said.

The most valuable player was shared by Josh Bosley and Christian Warfield.

"We were the best team because we had team effort. There is no "I" in team," Warfield said.

The team had a lot of fun winning. "JV Baseball was fun and exciting. We had a lot of fun," Nick Glotfelty, sophomore, said.

Some students felt that baseball was a good break from the long winter. "I enjoyed baseball this year it was relaxing," Nathan DiSimone, sophomore, said.

Others liked to finally get outside and enjoy the spring weather. "I like baseball season because I can finally get outside in the fresh air," John Andrews, sophomore, said.



ONE OF NORTHERN'S PLAYERS was almost hit by a wild pitch from Chad Warnick. Mike Bittinger recovers the ball and throws it back to the pitcher.



AS A FORT HILL PLAYER SLIDES into first, Chad Warnick awaits the ball. Southern won 7-2 and broke Fort Hill's nine game win streak.

VARSITY BASEBALL

2	Fort Hill	4
0	Keyser	3
13	Tucker	3
14	Beall	1
11	Allegany	1
7	Fort Hill	2
8	Westmar	0
2	Hampshire	10
18	Allegany	8
5	Mt. Savage	3
8	Beall	3
13	Westmar	3
4	Preston	9
10	Preston	1
12	Northern	0
6	Mt. Savage	0
2	Northern	5

JV BASEBALL

14	Beall	3
15	Beall	2
11	Westmar	1
17	Westmar	2
5	Keyser	1
9	Northern	2
5	Northern	4
26	Northern	8
17	Northern	3
10	Beall	3
8	Fort Hill	2
16	Fort Hill	0
2	Keyser	4
6	Allegany	9
8	Allegany	0
3	Fort Hill	1

THE RECORD BOOK

Won 12 Lost 5

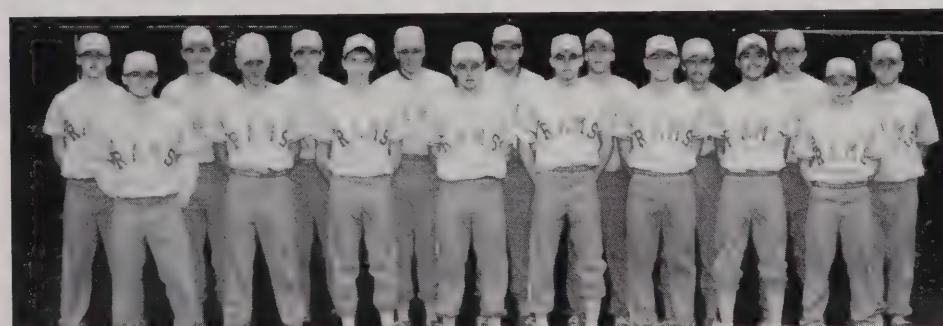
THE RECORD BOOK

Won 14 Lost 2



Varsity: Front row: Matt Zimmerman, Joel Uphold, Boyd Bagwell, Jordan Uphold, Jason Weaver, Mike Welch, Scott Beitzel Back row:

Aaron Newcomb, Chris Bittinger, Chad Warnick, Matt Ruff, Seth Tressler, Mike Bittinger, Jamie Bernard, Derek Everd



JV: Front Row: Nathan DiSimone, Keith Parks, Mike Shahan, Justin Rinker, Jason Rohrbaugh, Josh Bosley, Christian Warfield, Nathaniel Panther

Back Row: John Browning, Lance Tressler, Mike Browning, T.J. Riley, Jason Finch, Chris Ewing, Jason Hinebaugh, John Andrews, Nick Glotfelty

JASON WEAVER HITS THE BALL and is making his way up the first base line. Jason was in the starting lineup as a sophomore.

DURING PRACTICE, Derek Everd slides into third base. Aaron Newcomb tags the base and gets him out.



THE TEAM STANDS AROUND home plate waiting to congratulate Seth Tressler after he hit a home run at Northern. Seth led the team in homeruns with.

By Mark Ludwig

In one of the best regional finishes ever, the Girls' Track team came in first in 12 out of 16 events, amassing 221 points over second places' 129. At first it looked as though this might have turned out to be a long and tiring year for the girls, but things began to fall into place.

Toward the beginning of the season, the girls started out surprisingly slow. After the first few meets,

'I enjoyed track more this year because the team seemed closer. I worked harder this year and it paid off.'

many of the members were becoming discouraged, and fast.

"I was very disappointed after running Cross Country," Megan Conroy, sophomore, said. "Track didn't seem as fun without the close-knit feeling that we had in Cross Country."

At the first invitational meet, the girls came in nine out of 10 competing teams. After coming off a hot season last year, the girls felt as though they may have lost something.

"I was really surprised with our first showing this year," Michelle Teter, junior, said. "We looked good, but it still wasn't all there. I knew that after a few meets we would jump back into where we were before."

And the girls jumped back with a great force. Starting with the Garrett County Championships, the girls were defeated only once all the way to States. The competition was left in the dust and the girls were back on the streak that they held so greatly last season.

The meet at Preston was a start for the record books to continue to be changed. During the this meet, the girls' 4x800 team broke the school record by seven seconds. Two days later they chopped the time down once again by 12 seconds, something that was anticipated for this year. As it ended up, the relay team broke this record numerous times and they also broke it at states with a final time of 10:27:17.

These were not the only records broken this season. Lauren Newcomb broke the school record in triple jump by jumping 33'5" in Regionals. Andi Bender leaped a little further at states and clinched the record with a jump of 33'9". Kerri Canon once again broke not only her own record but the school record in shot by throwing 32'6 1/4".

"I enjoyed track more this year because the team seemed closer," Crystal Hinnant, sophomore, said. "I

Best regional finish Ever

worked harder this year and it paid off."

By the time Regionals came around, the girls were ready for what lay ahead. They came into the meet looking very strong and poised for victory. All of the relay teams came in first place, both hurdle runs were won by them, and all of the jumping events were captured by the girls.

Then came States. The girls placed high in States with seventh place out of 36 teams. Many of the runners felt as though they did very well in States and they cannot wait until next years' season. They hoped that this years' performance was a preview of what was to happen for them next year.

"Track was really fun this year," Liz Paesani, junior, said. "Regionals was the best because everyone did well and a lot of people placed for States."



THE HURDLES FINDS Jody Bowser taking a practice run. This being Jody's second year on track, she has shown tremendous improvement in her events. She captured first place for 100M hurdles in Regionals.



ALTHOUGH JOINING THE TEAM LATE, Andi Bender proved that she was not just going to watch the competition fly by. Here she leads Preston in the 100M dash.

GIRLS' TRACK

Dwight Scott Invitational
9 out of 10

68 Keyser 86
Tucker 19

66 Preston 60
University 29

100 Allegany 75
University 43.5

Garrett County
Championships

103 Northern 34

Area Championships

80.5 Frankfort 107.5
Fort Hill 89.5

WMIL Championships
90 Allegany 75

Relay Invitational
58 Keyser 52
Northern 22

128 Preston 59
University 58

Regionals

221 Williamsport 129
Mt. Savage 77

States
7 out of 36

AVID DISTANCE RUNNER Angie Sincell joined the Track team for her first year as a freshman. She competed in numerous distance events and was a member of the 4x800 team



Front row: Christy Hoalcraft, Erin Hoalcraft, Jody Bowser, Liz Paesani, Michelle Teter, Lauren Newcomb **Row two:** Amy Snyder, Megan Conroy, Alicia Sausman, Crystal Hinnant, Alison Rudy, Andi Bender, Emily Nemith, Heather Hanline **Row three:** Beth Sauder, Bonnie Riley, Lauren Rudy, Kristen Spurrier, Annie Neville, Becca Gangler, Kerri Canon **Row four:** Katelyn McBee, Toni Sullivan, Devon McClive, Angie Sincell **Back row:** Kristie Sausman, Sarah Jonson



SOARING PAST THE COMPETITION, Christy Hoalcraft runs in the 100M girls' high hurdle run. During Regionals, she captured first place in the 300M run.

HOPING TO CLEAR the height set, Alison Rudy flies over the bar. Alison qualified for States in high jump at Regionals.



EMILY NEMITH TRAILS CLOSE BEHIND a runner from University in the 200M dash.

15

By Devon McClive

Boys' Track season started off with a good bunch of guys. The team was strong with 15 qualifying for the state tournament.

The coaches did a lot for the team. Dan Sincell, junior, said, "The coaches did a wonderful job this

'The practices were hard, but talking and goofing off with your friends makes it fun.'

on to play at State

year."

Some students liked track because the coaches were so easy to work with.

"Track has to be the funniest sport at school because you never have pressure from the coaches," Jonathan Price, sophomore said.

The coaches encouraged the runners to do better, but they never took it too far.

The entire season was based upon getting the team ready for States. Meets were practices with rewards.

"Even though I didn't make states, the meets were still a lot of fun," Mike Prohonic, sophomore said. "The practices were hard, but talking and goofing off with your friends makes it fun."

One student who did make it to States was Jared Beckman, a senior. Jared did exceptionally well in the high jump, jumping 6'6" to take the title of *state champ!* Jared also broke a school record set in 1989 in the long jump at 21'6 1/4". He also broke a school record in the triple jump at 42'7".

Front row: Tim Jeffreys, Mike Avona, John Franca, Adam Chorpennin, Dan Sincell, Mark Ludwig, Casey McBee, Tim MacCauley, Dan Shafer, Eric Rexrode **Row two:** Sam Sisler, Nathan Rickman, Chad Lovett, Matt Sincell, Jared Beckman, Ted Wolf, Nick Dolan **Row three:** David Lantz, Justin Helbig, Corey Friend, Jonathan Price, Beau Gibson, Jesse Ashby, Eric Shaffer **Back row:** George Tichnell, Andrew Sisler, Adam Durst, Ricky Sines, Michael Lantz, Sean Cardiff, David Murray

"I really enjoyed taking States by storm!" Jared said.

Even those who didn't make states enjoyed the season. Practices were the second biggest part of Track.

The running, jumping, and throwing that went on at practices were hard, even though they were fun.

"Those 12 pound balls are a lot harder to throw than it looks," David Murray, sophomore, said.





IN THE 300 HURDLES at a home meet, Adam Chorpenning leads the heat. Adam qualified for the state championship competition in the 300 hurdles.

BOYS' TRACK

Dwight Scott Invitational
6 out of 10

38	Keyser	96
	Tucker	38
63.5	Preston	60.5
86	Allegany	82
	University	50
	Northern	38

Area Championship
4 out of 10

Garrett County
Championship

WMIL Championships
3 out of 5

34	Keyser	43
	Tucker	27
96.5	University	78.5
	Preston	78
	Union	3

Regional Championships
3 out of 7

State Championships
7 out of 36

AT A HOME MEET against Northern and University, Matt Sincell flies over a hurdle. Matt came in first place in his heat in that event.



IN THE 3200 METER RELAY at the Garrett County Championships, Dan Sincell races to a first place finish. No one from Northern has ever beaten Dan in the county championships in that event.

AS MIKE LANTZ LOOKS ON, Sam Sisler throws the shot put. Sam started throwing in the middle of the season and became one of the top throwers on the team.

AS AN ALLEGANY RUNNER to his right tries to overtake him, Casey McBee tries to hold on to the lead in the 3200 run. Running eight laps around the track took a lot of endurance and determination in order to finish.

PRACTICING HANDING OFF THE BATON to Adam Chorpenning is Casey McBee. The boys practiced hand-off in practice for the Distance Medley in the Relay Invitational.

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Seniors



Freshmen



Juniors



Sophomores



the most school spirit?



55%



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A special moment is being shared by Nick Rohrbaugh and Erin Wampler at Winterball. They had been going out for about 10 months.



Misty Rodeheaver, Erica Johnson, and Kassy Skipper are cheering for the Rams at the Fort Hill game. Even though Fort Hill won the game eight to six, special moments like this cold night could be remembered for years to come.



Receiving her class ring is a very special moment for Carrie Filsinger. Class rings were first offered their sophomore year but some, like Carrie, waited until their junior year.

On bended knee, James Moon proposes to Sharon Ringer. After Sharon finishes high school and college, she believes she might be ready to get married.



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The special moment came for Jared Beckman as he was the first to score at the first basketball game of the season. They played a good game against Bishop Walsh, but unfortunately, Southern lost.



A medal at the Cross Country Assembly brings a smile to Lauren Newcomb. Superintendent Dr. Jerome Ryscavage presents the medal as Principal Lynn Bell looks on. Cross Country was a sport that involved self motivation. That was why it was so special when the team won the state championship to become their special moment.

Special Moments and

memories

By Sara Thomas

"A special moment to me was knowing that this year's Cross Country team is the first ever in the school history to have a perfect score of 15 in more than one meet," Keri Strubin, sophomore, said.

Many other people had special moments that were related to sports also.

"Winning the Fort Hill game after breaking their 30 game regular season winning streak made everyone happy because it proved to everyone that we were a good team," Crystal Hinnant, sophomore, said.

Special moments were not only limited to sports. Many people had memories of special things that had happened throughout their lives.

"My nephew being born was a special moment to me because he was my first nephew and my first experience being an aunt," Jessie Getson, junior, said.

Experiencing your first love was definitely a moment to remember throughout a lifetime.

Finding your one true love was something a person would probably never forget. It could built a relationship that could last a lifetime.

"My special moment occurred 24 years ago when I was teaching at Union High School," Mr. Carl Booth said. "I was practicing my Cross Country team outside and my basket-

ball cheerleaders inside when I saw a strange car pull up out front. I rushed back inside just in time to see a cute blonde lady come in the front door. This was late September 1972, and on November 28, 1972, my wife Linda and I were married with all of my basketball team and cheerleaders in attendance."

Friends were probably one of the biggest parts in a person's life. Many memories were created with friends that would be remembered forever.

"Being in a group with all my friends at homecoming, laughing and dancing together, was special to me because I love my friends and we never get to do that many things together with all of us," Randi Carpenter, sophomore, said.

Some moments that were special to people occurred even in school.

"My best moment in high school was when I took that sign from the freshman," Seth Folickman, junior, said. "Mr. (David) Mayfield punished me, but man was it a rush being escorted down out of the freshman section of the gym hearing everyone cheer for me and Matt (Blythe) 'sit down freshmen!'"

Special moments were a part of everyone's life. No matter how big or small the moment was, it was very special to a person. Special moments could thrive in a person's heart forever, and they could always remember its significance.

Pop! That is the sound of Karlo Gesner's bubble and Mark Ludwig's (rear) hand across his face. One of Mark's worst pet peeves was when people blew huge bubbles right in his face.



The sound of Nicole Frazee walking down the hall is enough to drive anyone bonkers. Nicole had a total of 26 key chains on her backpack.



Look at that mess! This is enough to drive any neat freak insane. Even though the custodians did a good job of keeping the halls and bathrooms clean, messes like this one still occasionally occurred.



Mismatched and totally annoying, that is what these Nike socks and Adidas shoes are to thousands. "It bothers me when people wear brands that clash because it looks stupid," TJ Riley said.



That ice cube hanging out of Marshall Rodeheaver's mouth just may end up getting him slapped. Many people lost their patience when he dripped water down their necks.



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Crystal Hinnant is sporting an absolutely annoying look as she attempts to blow a bubble with her eyes crossed. Crazy and freaky faces were often answers to the question, "What is your worst pet peeve?"



There he is, Mr. Chuck Harkins, one of the biggest pet peeves of the students. Many students agreed that Mr. Harkins was the most annoying teacher.

It is bad enough when people twirl their own hair, but Carrie Filsinger twirling Lindsay Garris' hair is just too much. "People just need to leave their hair and other people's hair alone!" Mark Ludwig said.



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By Misty Sharpless

It was the thing that made you want to pull your hair out and scream like a maniac when you saw or heard it. It's worse than parents, homework, and siblings, but what was this dreaded thing? It was only your pet peeves, the thing that annoyed you the most. Students' pet peeves range from nose picking to even teachers.

"When I think of pet peeves, two words come to mind, Chuck Harkins," Kane Wengerd, sophomore, said.

For other students it was the sound of pure stupidity.

"The one thing I can't stand is when some idiot who thinks he is cool, runs his nails down the chalkboard," Jamie Durst, sophomore, said.

Many students thought that things that were absolutely disgusting were the ultimate pet peeves.

For senior Janice Plauger, it was when some disrespectful dork chewed with his mouth open and all of his partially chewed food was exposed.

"I really hate it when some clown sits there with a finger so far up his nose, he is practically giving himself brain damage and then pulls out a huge juicy booger," Brandon Ferguson, junior, said.

To sophomore Erica Tinsley, total

annoyance was the clanging of 40 million key chains on someone's backpack.

For most students, it was the actions of others that got on their nerves the most.

"I really hate it when girls run around saying they are pregnant every other week," Krissy Hinebaugh, junior, said.

Sophomore John Donaldson couldn't stand it when people pre-judged others by the way that the individual was dressed.

"My biggest pet peeve of all times is when you erase something, forget to wipe off the eraser gooies, and write over them," Nikki Evans, sophomore, said.

Randi Carpenter's parents annoyed her so badly by the way they slurped the milk from their cereal, she was forced to eat breakfast in her room.

"I really can't stand it when people wear Nike shoes and Adidas socks and Reebok shorts and they are completely mismatched," Erica Johnson, senior, said. "That is the worst."

Part of being human was feeling happy, sad, and annoyed. As long as humans exist, they will be haunted by the recurring nightmares they called pet peeves.

Changing the pace completely by switching into "culture" mode, David Peterson sings some opera-style music. David's mother, Susan, is playing in the background.



A senior member of the color guard, David Deem tosses a multicolored rifle into the air. No one seemed to mind moving from the cafeteria's stage to the gym to view David's and the other acts that wouldn't fit on the stage.

One of the seven bands, Cucumber Force had five members. Seth Folickman and John Menker lead the groove to take them where it wants.



Power Guido is the name of the band as Scot Sines waits patiently before knocking out some beat as Scott Sanders plays guitar in the background. Along with Matt Walthall, Mark Ludwig, Joao Franco, and Julio Vidal, they performed a Brazilian song.

Senior Class President Patrick Forman emcees and introduces Tammy Pannell and her song. Singing *Strawberry Wine*, Tammy left the cafeteria in quiet amazement at her talent.



As 7:00 in
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Jeremiah Carlisle and Sam Grove jam to some original music as *Death Tones*. Sam's hair, usually vibrant, was a tame yellow for the talent show.

Show me the alent

The last Thursday of April brought some wild times to the old cafeteria. As 7:00 in the evening rolled around, the school once again filled with enthusiastic kids.

The showing of talent began with the wonderful emceeing abilities of General Patrick Forman. Acts included seven bands, some vocalizing people, a slam-dunk show, demonstrations by Winterguard and color guard, and some magnificent dancers.

"The talent show was a very enjoyable experience," Joey Swerbinsky, senior, said. "It allowed some students of this school to show their hidden talents. I am glad that they used ballots to determine the winner, because I couldn't have decided. They were all great!"

General Pat added to the humor

with his wonderful deadpan style. As president of the senior class, Patrick is often stuck in the spotlight.

"I feel that being prez has given me great benefits," the general said. "It was a nice opportunity to allow the senior class to give something back in the form of a good time by letting students exhibit their talents. It was more of a fun time than being anything close to work!"

The winning act, a rendition of *Riverdance* choreographed by Melanie Cook, came at the end of the show. The group of 13 was composed mostly of students in Ms. Jane Avery's Honors English IV class.

"I didn't expect to win," Melanie said. "We were just in it for the fun and to bring some Celtic culture to our community. I'm really proud of everyone, they did a great job!"

Another fantastic gym show, Jared Beckman dunked a few to the awe of onlookers. At 6'6", Jared stands in a league of his own.



Do you think your parents are going to allow you to leave home right after graduation?



"I will leave home right after graduation and my parents will have no objections to me leaving because I make enough money to support myself!"

John Hinebaugh

What do you think about leaving all of your friends behind?



"I will definitely stay in touch with Meghan Dabney. She is the most incredible person I have ever met, I never will lose my friendship with that snappy girl."

Lauren Newcomb

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU WILL BE IN 10 YEARS?

"Ten years from now I'll be living in the Baltimore area," Sarah Fike said. "I'll be in my second year of medical residency and will need a teaching hospital in which to work."

Like Sarah, Jimmy Brown will also be leaving Garrett County for college. "I am going to school to be a geneticist so hopefully I will have a good job," Jimmy said. "I like to think that I will be working at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda."

Unlike others, Kandice Shomo was not so sure where she would be. "I'll be wherever the road leads me."

Would friends be remembered or forgotten? "Many of my friends are going to the same college as me," Rita Powell said. "We will also be having class reunions and I think I'll be in touch with most of them."

SAYING GOOD-BYE TO CLOSE FRIENDS
are Nathan Rickman, Kandice Shomo, Megan Redinger, and Aaron Newcomb. "I think that I will be in touch with some of my friends because they are the greatest," Megan said. "I wish that I could go through the rest of my academic career with them, but then I would never grow up."

Others were having their doubts. "I will be in touch with a few of them because they are part of my life and they always will be," Nathan Rickman said.

Some were thinking about marriage and a family. "I will be married to Bryan (Calhoun) living in a house here in Garrett County," Erica Tasker said.

Others were thinking about a

family and marriage but did not have anyone in mind. "I think I'll be married but I don't know who to," Jared Beckman said, "but I want two to four kids."

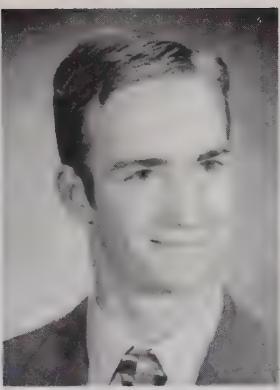
A few students said they would be living at home for a good while after school because they are going to the services. "I am going to the Army to get my college education," Josh Latta

said. "My parents are okay with this as long as I don't get killed."

Another concern with leaving home was if their parents were going to let them go right after school. "My parents are going to have to let me leave home because I am going to cosmetology school in Cumberland," Lisa Elliott said.

• By: Donnette Riley





Charles Ryan Adams

Jesse Brandon Ashby

Soccer 9-12 (Captain 12), Ski Club 12, Track and Field 12, Who's Who 12

Kandi Michelle Ashby

Cheerleading 10-12 (Captain 12), National Honor Society 11&12, Winterguard 9, Colorguard 9, Vice President 9, Acorn Business Editor 10

Kristy Lynn Ashby



Steven C. Bargy

Jennifer Linn Barnard

Jared Lee Beckman

Cross Country 12, Basketball 9-12, Track and Field 9-12 (Co-Captain 12), Main Office Aide 12

Evelyn Marie Bittinger

ECAP (Early College Admissions Program) 12, National Honor Society 11&12, Prom Committee 11, Who's Who 9-11, U.S. Achievement Academy 9, Colorguard 9, Mock Trial 9-11, Vice President 9



Matthew Jason Blythe

Heather Dawn Bonner

Mock Trial 10, EMS Secretary and Treasurer 12, Maryland's Tomorrow 9-12

Ary Genale Bosley

Softball 9-12 (Captain 12), Journalism 11&12 (Business Editor 12)

Jerod Boyce



Melinda Mae Brady

EMS Vice President 12

Robert Eugene Broadwater

Terry Allen Broadwater

James Ellsworth Brown III

FBLA 9-12 (Vice President), Senior Class Vice President, National Honor Society 11&12



Brandi Michele Burgess

Marching Band 9&10, Track 10, Concert Band 10, Stage Band 9

Belinda Sue Burns

Marching Band 9&10, Winterguard 10, Mock Trial 10

Kerri Jo Cannon

Jeremiah D. Carlisle



How did it feel being around mostly younger students in the school?



"It felt awkward because they were younger than I was and also some of them were a lot smaller."

Adam Park

Did it feel odd as a senior being the oldest class in the school?



"Being the oldest in the school felt strange because I no longer had to look up to people, but younger students were looking up to me."

Joy Sisler

WHO ARE ALL OF THESE STRANGE LOOKING PEOPLE?

Have you ever walked into a place and thought "Who are all these people? They look so short and young."

That was how many seniors felt when they walked through the halls each day.

"I always looked forward to the new year of school," Mindy Brady said. "It was a time to meet new people or see those friends you had to leave in middle school. Freshmen this year seemed to be shorter and stranger than usual, even my sister Miranda."

After spending the past three years watching friends graduate, they suddenly realized that they were no longer looking up to older classmates. It was their turn to be the oldest in the school. "Being the oldest in the school is really neat," Jaime George said, "but everyone seems to get along just fine."

Seniors could only look back and wonder if they too really

seemed that young and if everything about the school seemed so unfamiliar when they were freshmen and sophomores. "When I first came here, the school looked very big and everyone looked so huge to me," Holly Wilson said. "But now the school looks casual and extremely familiar."

Those with younger siblings were the first to realize how quickly time had passed over the last four years. "It really hit me when my brother was a freshman and I was a senior, because it was the first time we had been in

the same school since elementary school," Ary Bosley said.

With one last year to enjoy all that high school had to offer, it seemed strange to pass so many unfamiliar faces in the halls or to attend classes with younger students. "Having class with younger students didn't bother me very much because most of them acted older than they were," Deni Lynn Shaffer said.

All of these experiences gave seniors a new-found sense of maturity as they realized that it was their turn to have underclassmen look up to them.

"It is nice having younger students look up to me," Heather Shahan said. "It makes me feel as if I can set a good example for them to follow."

• By: Donnette Riley

WALKING DOWN THE HALL with Adam Murray, 6'6" Jared Beckman must look down quite a bit. "Having younger people look up to me is great; it gives me a sense of power and it intimidates the little guys."

With SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR students sitting around him in Journalism, Josh Teets enjoys their company. "It was great having them look up to Mel (Cook) and me as we proofed their yearbook and newspaper articles."





Natalie Dawn Carlson

*Cross Country 9-12, Basketball 10-12,
Track 9-12*

Christopher W. Channel
Adam Jonathan Chorpennung

Track and Field 9-12, Cross Country 10-12, National Honor Society 11&12, Winterball Planning Committee 12, School Play 9&10, French Exchange Program 11

Melanie Gayle Cook

National Honor Society 11&12, Colorguard 9, Concert Band 9, Journalism 12

Eric Richard Cosner

Track 9, Cross Country 12, Who's Who 9-12, Student of the Month 10, After Prom setup 9&10

Eliza Rose Coviello

Senior Class Play 10&12, Tennis 9, Science Club 9

Howard Daniel Crosco

Football 9-12, Wrestling 9-12, Student Representative 11&12

Meghan Victoria Dabney

Blind Skier 9, Tennis 9-12 (Captain), Cross-Country 9-12 (Co-Captain), Basketball 9-12, Soccer 10&11, Track 10-12, Band 9, National Honor Society 11&12, Student Council Representative 12

Tammy Jo Dawson

David Wayne Deem

Marching Band 10-12, Chorus 9, 10&12, Concert Band 10-12, Honor Choir 10&12, FFA 10

John Haska Dehus

Auto Mechanics 10&12, Drafting 9-12

Joseph Leon Dever Jr.

Brian W. DeWitt

Basketball 9&10, Cross Country 9, Track 10, Soccer 10, Carpentry 10-12

Christopher S. DeWitt

Michele DeWitt

Cheryl Ann Dilsworth

Chorus 11, Ecology Club 12

Alisha C. Dixon

Catherine Dixon

Heather C. Duckworth

Nick Dudok



Do you feel the senior class was unfairly treated with all of the new programs?



"I think it is unfair that everything is dropped on us. It should be spread out to all classes."

Cassie Nice

The word guinea pig is often used for this senior class. What do you think of that term?



"I do not think we should be used as guinea pigs because if God wanted us to be guinea pigs, he would have made us that way."

Jesse Ashby

SENIORS FEEL AS IF THEY ARE JUST 'PIGS'

Scientists often use *guinea pigs* for new projects and ideas in labs all over the world. The students in the graduating class of '97 were used in a similar way.

The *Tech Prep Program* was the first project the seniors were faced with.

"It's stupid," Erica Johnson said. "Half of the students change their mind about their careers by the time they become seniors. Then when they tried to change their pathway, it was very hard to do."

Although the program might have been preparing students for college, it could not really be followed because many students changed their minds quite a few times before their senior year.

"I think our school was at a great advantage," Misty Rodeheaver said. "The Tech Prep gave students the opportunity to explore different careers instead of waiting until college. At least

this way we were not out of any money."

The next idea or project they were faced with was going from a seven period day in the ninth grade to a *four period day* in grades 10 through 12.

"I think the four period day was better than the seven period day because the days and classes go by a lot faster due to the fact we

didn't have to switch classes as much or have as many books," Brandy Shaluta said, "although it seemed like teachers wanted to give too much work at one time."

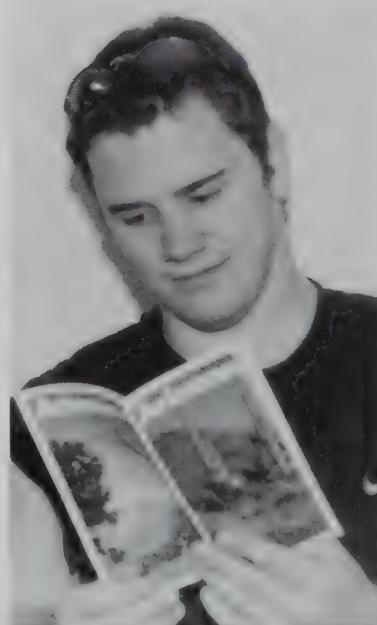
Switching to a four period day was a big change for everyone. Students were then sitting in class for 90 minutes instead of 45 minutes. It seemed like the students had more time to ask ques-

tions, but they also had to crowd two days work into one day.

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• By: Donnette Riley

AFTER DISCUSSING THE UPCOMING graduation ceremony, Melanie Cook and Mrs. Lynn Bell pose for a picture. Mrs. Bell was the new principal and brought many new ideas with her. "Mrs. Bell is a nice lady," Mel said, "and she has some really good ideas."



A BROCHURE ABOUT ARIZONA attracts the attention of Jay Ferguson. "In the future, I will be living in Phoenix, Arizona. I like it there because it is warm and there are a lot of things to do."





Lydia Laurence DuFour

Crystal M. Duncan

Shawn Randall Durst

Lisa Marie Elliott



James Scott Evans

Jerry Lyn Ferguson

*Baseball 9, Soccer 9&10, Football 11&12,
Student Council 10&11, 6th Man Club 12*

Adilka Indhira Fernandez
Track & Field 12, Who's Who 12

Ryan Matthew Fike
Soccer 12, VICA 12

Sarah Elizabeth Fike

*Student Council 9-12 (Treasurer & President),
Student Member on Garrett County Board of
Education 2, Hugh O'Brien Youth Ambassador 10,
National Honor Society 11&12 (President), World
Affairs Institute 11, Advisory Committee for
Education 10-12, Garrett County Association of
Student Councils 9-12 (Historian & Secretary),
Sophomore Class President, ACC Junior Math
Competition 11, Four Period Day Committee 9*

Jenny Lynn Finkel
*National Honor Society 11&12, School
Play 10&12*

Michael Blair Flanagan

*Baseball 9&10, Basketball 10-12,
Football 10-12, Who's Who 11&12*

Albert J Fleming

Seth Ryan Folickman
Patrick Russell Forman

*Senior Class President, FBLA 10-12
(President 12), MD Boy's State 12,
National Honor Society 11-12, VICA Quiz
Bowl 12, Who's Who 10&11, Journalism 10*

Joao Felipe Cabral Franca

Paul Brandon Frantz

Brandy Lynne Freeland

*Marching Band 9-11, Stage Band 10&11,
Concert Band 9-12, Softball 9, Track and
Field 10*

Corey Benjamin Friend

Paul Allen Friend

Brandon Keith Gank

Do you have a
problem with your
class having so many
new programs to
work with?



"I do not like the idea of us being used as guinea pigs. I feel they should have given each class something new instead of putting it all on us."

Ron Guthrie

40 S.L. HOURS OR NO 'SENIOR STATUS'

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Service learning was the next "new idea." The seniors had to complete 40 hours of community service in order to graduate. Anyone who did not complete those hours by their senior year did not get senior status.

"I think that service learning hours was a great way to help us get involved with our community," Kandi Ashby said. "They enabled us to take an outside look at our active community and experience the real world."

A lot of seniors complained it did not do them a bit of good because they still had to do them. "It's stupid, you should not have to do community service just to graduate," John Hinebaugh said. "I can see doing them if you got in trouble."

"A new principal, WHAT?" This was what many seniors said. They did not think they

should have to be the ones to have a new principal their senior year since they had been used for everything else.

"She's nice, but really paranoid and she is trying to compare us to inner city students," Jamie Evans said. "Examples are ID cards and enforcing all the rules unlike Mr. (Arthur) Refosco (former principal)."

At times seniors were heard saying "I've still never seen or met our new principal, is she still here?" Maybe they didn't try to introduce themselves.

"Our new principal needs to become more involved with the students," Heather Bonner said. "As seniors we were her first graduating class and she should have taken time to know what we

were doing. She should have felt proud to be with us."

Mrs. Bell tried changing a lot of things in the school. Some may have been for the best or some may have been for the worst. It was just another one of those "lab experiences" they had to try on the "Guinea Pigs."

• By: Donnette Riley



COMMUNITY SERVICE WAS A BIG ITEM
seniors had to keep in the back of their minds because without the proper number of hours, there was no graduation. As John Ortiz finds out, washing boards was just one of the many "jobs" students could do to fulfill this requirement.



Jaime Lynn George
*Band 10, Prom Committee 11, Guidance
Aide 12*

Robert William Gray Jr.

Kerry Marie Graybill

Shad Randall Green



Christopher L. Guthrie

Mike Guthrie

Ronald Guthrie

Steven Wayne Harris



Melissa Regina Hauser

*Who's Who 10&11, Science Club 9, EMS
Club 11, Chorus 11&12, Honor Chorus 12*

Keith Allen Hebb

VICA 12

Justin Eugene Helbig

Adam Joseph Herbert

*School Play 10&11, National Honor
Society 11&12*



Abby Denise Hershman

*Volleyball 10-12, National Honor Society
11&12, Class Treasurer 9, Track 10,
Minds In Motion 10-12, Journalism 10&11,
Who's Who 9-12, Student of the Month 12
John Michael Hinebaugh Jr.*

Jessica Lynn Hoffman

Theressa Holtschneider

*Marching Band 9-11, Stage Band 9-11,
Concert Band 9-11, National Honor
Society 11&12, Softball 10, Track 11&12*



Paul David Howdyshell III

Daniel M. Huber

Leonard Rual Hudgens

Football 10

Shannan Michele Hunter

SECOND SEMESTER BRINGS PRESSURE ON SENIORS

When did you
decide what college
to apply to?

Forms, choices and deadlines were all that seniors were able to think about by the time second semester rolled around.

"I had no idea of what I wanted to do or where I wanted to go," Melessa Ball said. "It was a very hard decision because it seemed like everything fell around me all at once."

Soon-to-be graduates had to deal with the pressures of filling out what seemed like millions of forms as well as deciding which college they wanted to spend their next four years attending.

"I did not have to worry about beating the deadlines," A.J. Fleming said. "I made the decision of going to Garrett (Community College) by the end of my junior year."

Some seniors had it easier than others because they knew which college they definitely wanted to attend and only filled out one application.

"I knew I wanted to go to GCC at first and then transfer," Ary Bosley said. "So it was not that difficult to decide where I wanted to apply. Deciding where to apply after two years at GCC will be more difficult."

Seniors who were not sure

FORMS, FORMS, AND MORE FORMS says Jessie Ashby as he sits on the floor filling one out for college. Eric Cosner said, "Both my parents and I went through the endless task of filling out papers for scholarships and Frostburg admission. It's hard to believe anyone could get into a college without the help from parents and teachers."



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Ary Bosley

mission at their No. 1 college choice in the fall. By talking to counselors, discussing schools with older friends or actually visiting the campuses, seniors narrowed their choices as deadlines for applying arrived. Then they could nervously wait for the mail to bring them the good (or bad) news. Eventually, the anticipation of "getting in" was replaced by the search for scholarships and grants to pay the price of acceptance.

• By: Sharon Ringer





Danielle Kathleen Jackson

*Marching Band, Winter Percussion,
Concert Band, National Honor Society
11&12*

Timothy Paul Jeffreys

*Football 10-12, Distinguished Scholar's
Program 11, Track and Field 9&12,
National Honor Society 11&12*

Erica Johnson

Sarah Maria Jonson

*Track 9, 10&12, Soccer 10, Who's Who
10*

Courtney Nicole Keeys

*Chorus 11&12, Honor Choir 12, Who's
Who 11, Civics Tutorial 11&12*

Steven Aric Kight

Amanda Jon Kisner

Randy Kitzmiller

Brandie Marie Lantz

Joshua David Latta

Angela Marie Lechliter

Cody Lee Lewis

Joshua Wayne Liller

Tammy Lynn Lloyd

Chorus 9-11, Student of the Month 11

Dawn Marie Lohr

*FFA 9-12 (Reporter 10, Secretary 11,
Sentinel 12)*

Hope Colyn Louden

*Volleyball 9, School Play 10, Theater 10-
12, Mock Trial 10-12 (President 11&12),*

Main Office Aide 12

Timothy Daniel Macauley Jr.

Football 10, Track and Field 11&12

Anna Hunter Marc

*Track and Field 9-12, VICA 12, Spanish
Club 9-11, Prom Committee 11, Concert
Band 9*

Kimberly Alice McBride

*Colorguard 9&10 (Assistant Captain 10),
Concert Band 9, National Honor Society
11, Spanish Club 11, Winterguard 9&10*

Chad Alan Mellinger

John Dale Mellinger

Amanda Dawn Miller

National Honor Society 11&12

Charles Wayne Moats Jr.

Football 9-11

Lisa Ann Moon

Cross Country 9-11, Honor Guard 9&10

Allen Ray Moreland Jr.



SOME SENIORS LOOK FOR EASY CLASSES

What kind of classes are you taking?



"I took two hard classes and two periods of work release. Your senior year should be one that is not taken real serious; it should also be a time that you want to remember."

Autumn Newcomb

After completing three years of difficult classes, seniors usually tried to take it easy. While a few chose an Early College Admissions Program, the majority selected more electives to lessen their class – and homework – load in the final year of high school.

"I busted my butt for 12 years so I wanted my senior year off," Rodney Reckart said.

By their senior year, most fourth year students had the credits in math, science, history and other

requirements out of the way.

"I gave it all I had for 12 years and I needed a break my last year of high school before I started college and busted my butt some more," Janice Tasker said.

So, aside from a fourth year of English, they filled the remainder of their school day with either electives or the classes they would have to pay to take in college.

"I had planned on taking easy classes my senior year, but I wound up taking a lot of hard

classes for my college resume," Andy Severe said.

In addition to providing enjoyment, these non-required classes provided valuable training for students in their future fields of study.

"I took hard classes because often times colleges look at the type of classes you take your senior year," A.J. Fleming said.

Whether the courses were hard or easy, seniors realized that graduation was only four classes away.

• By: Sharon Ringer



MANY SENIORS LOOKED FOR EASY classes to finish out their year, such as Brian Park and Matt Blythe in PE. Chris Welsh said, "I worked hard ninth through eleventh grade so I decided to lay back my senior year until college." However, some seniors wanted to get a head start on college. "I took some more difficult classes so I wouldn't have to take them in college," Tim Macauley said.





Amanda Ilene Mountain

Freshman Class President, Colorguard 9-12 (Captain 11&12), Winterguard 9-12 (Captain 11&12), VICA (secretary) 12, Peer Counselor 11&12, Who's Who 9-11, Band Counsel 9, 11&12, Concert Band 9

Kelly Dawn Murphy
Sarah Ellen Murray

Softball 9-12, National Honor Society 11&12, Junior Class Treasurer, Senior Class Treasurer, Marching Band 9-11, Concert Band 9&10

Marshall E. Neel
Aaron Jackson Newcomb

Football 9-12, Basketball 9-12, Baseball 9-12

Autumn Nichole Newcomb

Basketball 9-11, Softball 9-12, Student Council 9-11, Peer Counseling 11&12, Cross Country 9&10

Lauren Whitney Newcomb

XC 9-12, Basketball 9-12, Track 9-12, Student Council Rep 11, Parliamentarian 12, Honor Society 11&12 (Vice-President)

Benjamin Keith Newman
Cassie Michelle Nice

Maryland's Tomorrow 9-12

Abigail Clarissa Nichols
M.Band 9-12 (Colorguard Cap. 11&12), Winterguard 9-12, Concert Band 9, Honor Society 11&12, French Club 9

Sindy Loraine Niner

Volleyball 9-12 (Captain 11&12), National Honor Society 11&12, Journalism 12, Prom Committee 11

John Charles Ortiz

Aaron John Panicho

Adam Scott Park

Brian Lee Park

Christi Dawne Parker

Track 9 & 10

Erica Heather Paugh
Matthew Aaron Paugh

Student Council Representative 12, National Honor Society 11&12, VICA 12, Concert Band 10

Susan Ann Paugh

Marching Band 9-11 (section leader), Concert Band 9-11 (section leader),

Track and Field 10, FFA 11

David Erik Peterson

Marching Band 9-12 (Drum Captain 12), Concert Band 9-12, Stage Band 10-12, School Play 9&10, Talent Show 10-12

Rita Marie Powell

Cheerleading 9, 10&12 (JV Captain 10), Marching Band 9-12 (Band Council Rep. 9), Concert Band 9&10, Sophomore Class Vice President, Senior Class Secretary, French Exchange 11, National Honor Society 11&12, Who's Who 10&11, Homecoming Court 9&12, Track 9&11, Quebec Trip 12, Spirit Club 10&11, Journalism 12, Honor Band 9-11, School Improvement Team 12

Michelle I. Prohonic

Christy Anne Reams

Track 9, National Honor Society 11&12

Rodney Reckart

Megan Rae Redinger

Cheerleading 9, 10&12, 10th&11 Class Sec, Spirit Club 9-10, Honor Society

11&12

SOMEONE TO GO TO WITH PROBLEMS, SECRETS

What are
friends for?



What would a world without friends be like? Imagine not having anyone to share your secrets and problems with, or to go out and goof off with. Life would be pretty dull without them.

"Heather (Duckworth) has been my best friend since the seventh grade," Kristie Ashby said. "She's the only one I can share my deepest secrets with."

Friends were usually with you through both the good and bad times. They often knew you better than you knew yourself.

"Newc (Aaron Newcomb) and I usually hang out at Megan's (Redinger)," Mike Flanagan said.

Going to games or hanging out after school at a friend's house, friends shared many memories together.

"Randy (Kitzmiller) and I have been friends for three years," Nick Dudok said. "It's ironic that we are friends because we're so different. It's been fun knowing him and I hope we're friends forever."

Many seniors started to wonder if their friends would be there for

Friends always have time to listen to each other's problems. They will always stick by you even when you screw up really bad.

Shannan Hunter

them when they went their separate ways.

"Friendship comes from within the heart and a true friendship will never fall apart," Shara Lewis said. "Friends are there through thick and thin and if you're lucky, a good friendship will never end."

Friends played an important part in everyday life. So no matter how far they traveled away from one another after graduation, hopefully, they would always be there for you.

• By: Sharon Ringer



TWO GIRLS WHO COULD ALWAYS BE FOUND goofing off together are Meghan Dabney and Lauren Newcomb. Both were voted "most likely to be best friends forever" by their classmates.



TWO GUYS, Aaron Newcomb and Howard Crocco, were friends to the point of going together getting tattoos on their arms.



Nathan Cartier Rickman

Wrestling 9-12, Football 10-12, Track 11&12, Student Council 11&12 (Vice President 12), National Honor Society 11&12, VICA 12, World Affairs Delegate 11, Baseball 10, Soccer 9

Donnette Yvonne Riley

Chorus 10, Journalism 10-12, Guidance Aide 12

Sharon Ann Ringer

Misty Dawn Rodeheaver

Volleyball 9-12, FBLA 9, Student Council 12, German Club 10, Chorus 10

Nicholas Allen Rohrbaugh

School Play 12



Matthew Lee Ruff

Kristie Lynn Sausman

Carl Daniel Schroyer

Wrestling 9&10, Assistant Fire Volunteer 9, Library Aide 10&11

Scot Anthony Schroyer

Football 9-12

Andy Joel Severe



Deni Lynn Shaffer

Kevin David Shaffer

Steven Edward Shaffer

Heather Lynn Shahan
Volleyball 11

Brandy Lynn Shaluta
FFA 11, Who's Who 10&11



Bricen Britt Shaluta

Kandice Kortney Shomo

Robert Matthew Sincell

Dale Scot Sines, Jr.

Marching Band 9-12 (Drum Captain 11&12), Concert Band 9-12, Stage Band 9-12

Elizabeth Sue Sines

Who's Who 9,12, Journalism 10-12, Yearbook Editor 11&12, Guidance Aide 12

Jason Ryan Sines
Robert C. Sines

Tennis 9,10&12, Marching Band 11&12, Machine Tool 10-12, Stage Band Manager 11&12, VICA 10, EMS President 11, EMS Captain 12

Joy Lee Sisler

Roy Lee Sisler
VICA 12

Kassandra D. Skipper

Amanda Katherine Spiker

Chorus 10&11

Shannon Beth Spurrier

Cross Country 9-12, Softball 9-11, Cheerleading 10, Student Government Rep 9, Track 10, Class Officer 11,

Science Club 9

Erica Lyn Stahl

FFA 11&12 (Reporter 12), Student of the Month 9&11, Who's Who 9-11

Asya Marie Stimak

Who's Who 9-12, Journalism 10&11 (Business Editor 11), Mock Trial 10, Drama Club 10-12, Chorus 12



Brandi Nicole Stoner

Softball 9-12, Marching Band, Concert Band, Stage Band 9&10



Charles Stoner Jr.

Nicholaus Stonesifer

Thomas David Stuck



Maggie Jane Suess

Cheerleading 9-11 (Captain), Marching Band 10-12 (Pit Captain, Assistant Drum major), Winterguard 10-12, Winter Percussion 11&12 (Captain), VICA 11&12 (President), Student Council 9-11 (Secretary), Concert Band 9-12

Joseph John Swerbinsky

Golf 10-12

Chad Patrick Tasker

Erica Lynn Tasker



Janice Lee Tasker

Kevin Randolph Tasker

Maria Dawn Tasker

Main Office Aide 12, Special Ed. Aide 12

Mike Tasker



Joshua Charles Teets

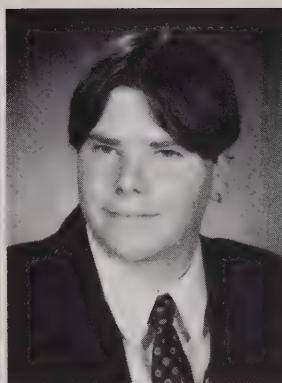
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Paul Thomas Tepper

Marching Band 9-12, Wrestling 9-12, Who's Who 9-12

Carmalita V. Terrant

Jasen Douglass Thayer



Rocky Calvin Tichinel Jr.

*Football 9&11, Auto Mechanics 11,
Masonry 12*

Seth Michael Tressler

Football 9-12, Baseball 9-12

Sampsaa Murray Tuomisto

Jack Joshua Tusing



Mary Ellen Tusing

Joel Justin Uphold

Erica Lynn Upole

Volleyball 9-12 (Captain 10), Softball 9-11

Tracy Dale Upole

National Honor Society 11&12, Honor Choir 10-12, Talent Show 10, Who's Who 9-11, Student of the Month 11&12, Honor Roll 9-12, Civics tutorial 10&11, Russian Club 12



Michael Welch

Christopher W. Welsh

Matthew S. Whitacre

George T. White Jr.



Amber Nichole Wilson

Cross Country 9, VICA Secretary 11

Holly Gwynn Wilson

FFA Junior Advisor 12, Honor Choir 10-12

Wesley Allen Wilt

Marching Band 9-12 (Senior Representative), Stage Band 9-12 (Senior Representative), Concert Band 9-12 (Senior Representative), Garrett County Honor Band 9-12

Jarrod Billy Wolfe



Matthew Lee Zimmerman

Football 10&11, Baseball 10

Beverly Ackerman	9
Donald Ahern	11
Jason Alexander	11
Kendra Alexander	11
Kenzie Alexander	11
Steven Allison	11
John Andrews	10

Amanda Armstrong	10
Dana Armstrong	11
Heath Arnold	11
Brian Aronhalt	11
Katharine Ashby	9
Julia Atkinson	10
Michael Avona	11



All of a sudden you hear the teacher call out your name...

You're sitting in your class, trying to chew a piece of gum without getting caught. All of a sudden you heard the teacher call out your name and ask you the question, "Are you chewing gum?"

What was the big deal about chewing gum in class? You were in the high school now, and you were a responsible adult, so why couldn't you chew gum?

"I think we should be able to chew gum in class because I need something to keep me occupied," Heidi Baker, junior, said. "After lunch your breath always stinks and it makes it smell better."

Most of the classrooms had carpet in them so teachers didn't want you to have gum because they thought it might end up on the floor.

"I think some teachers won't allow us to chew gum simply because they just want us to have it rough, like they did in school," Mike Tressler, junior, said. "Classes are an hour and a half long. They could at least let us chew gum."

On the other side of this situation was the teachers' side of the story. Why wouldn't they allow their students to chew gum in their classes?

"I expect my students to be able to speak clearly without oral encumbrances or remarkable resemblances to rather stupid looking bovines," Ms. Jane Avery, said. "So there!"

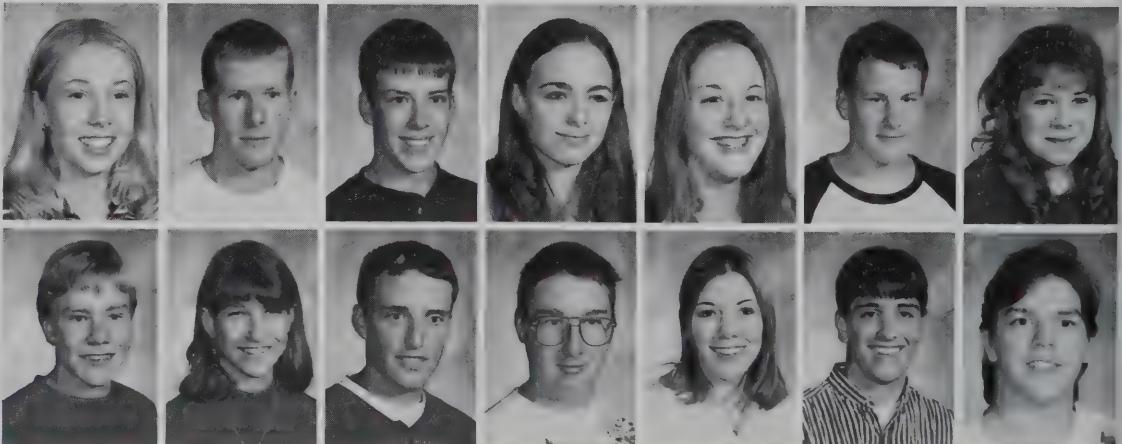
Some teachers would not allow it, and to some it didn't matter. If you were going to take the chance, just hope you didn't get caught!!

• By: Deni Lynn Shaffer



Jessica Ayers	9
John Ayers	11
Aaron Baker	11
Heidi Baker	11
Jessica Baker	10
Sean Baker	9
Erin Ball	11

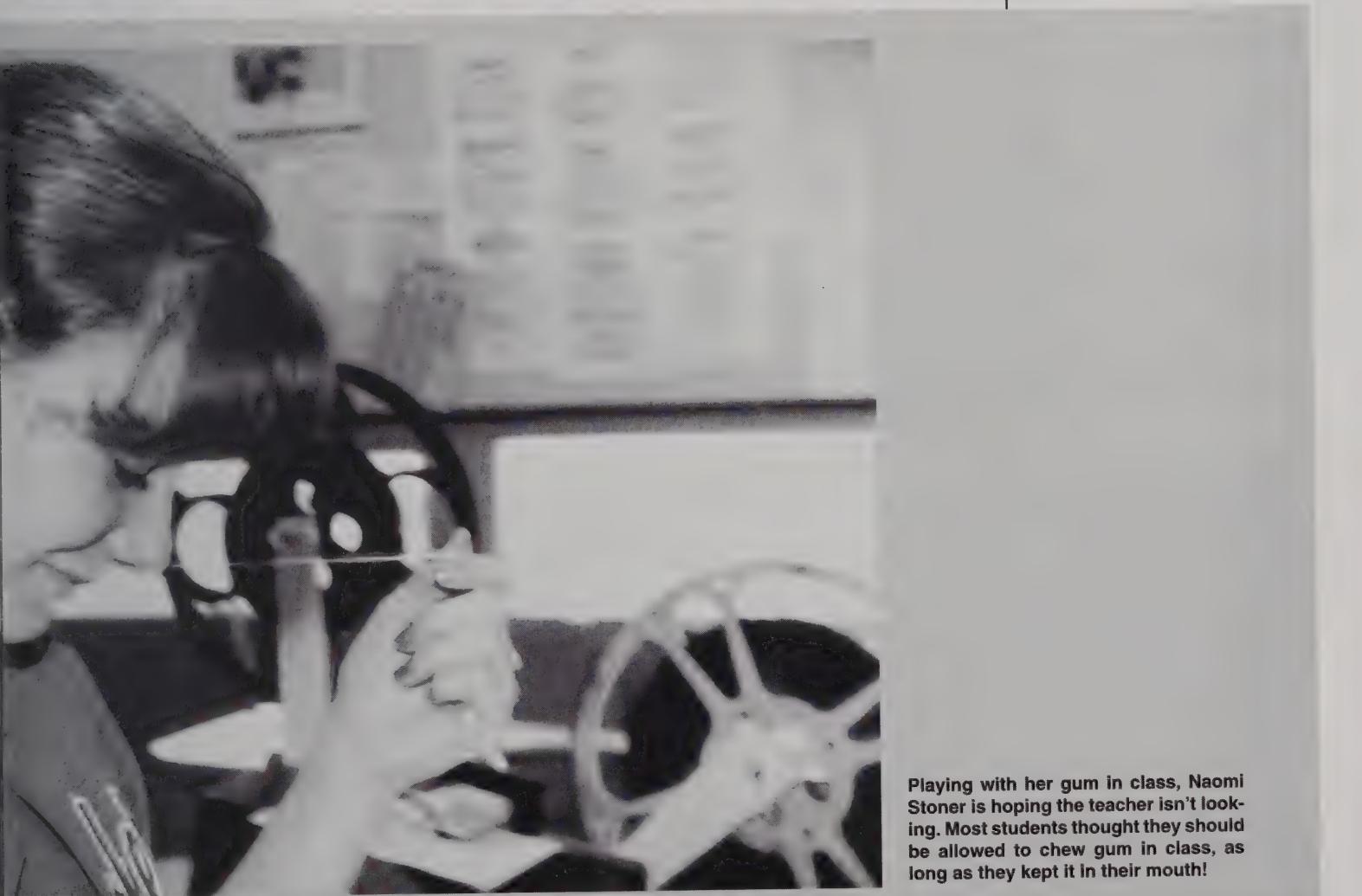
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Marcie Beachy	9
Aaron Beckman	9
George Beckman	11
Jaimi Beckman	10
Timothy Beckman	9
James Beeman	11





Joni Beeman	11
Kevin Beeman	11
Carrie Beitzel	9
Christopher Beitzel	11
Scott Beitzel	11
Andrea Bender	10
Jason Berg	9

Jessica Berg	9
Kenneth Berg	10
Benjamin Bernard	10
Jason Bernard	11
Lawrence Bernard	9
Billo Bhatnagar	11
Rodney Bird	11



Playing with her gum in class, Naomi Stoner is hoping the teacher isn't looking. Most students thought they should be allowed to chew gum in class, as long as they kept it in their mouth!



Christopher Bittinger	11
Jesse Bittinger	9
Jessica Bittinger	9
Michael Bittinger	11
Jesse Black	11
Jeremy Blamble	10
Jarrett Bolden	10

Sharron Bolyard	10
John Boone	9
Joshua Bosley	9
Scot Bowman	11
Jody Bowser	10
Danny Boyce	11
Miranda Brady	9

Daniel Bray	11
Jarod Broadwater	10
Abbi Brown	10
Amanda Brown	11
Brian Brown	11
Robert Brown	9
Jonathan Browning	9



Michael Browning	9
Timothy Burns	9
Shannon Burnside	11
Carrie Butcher	9
Larry Butcher	11
Meranda Byers	9
Brian Byrd	11

Michael Byrd	11
Julie Callis	9
Delbert Canan	9
Robert Canan	10
Heather Capan	9
Shawn Cardiff	10
Andrew Carlisle	9

Michael Carola	11
Carolyn Carpenter	9
Randi Carpenter	10
Amanda Cassidy	9
Ryan Channel	10
Mickey Chapman	9
Ronald Chapman	11

Family members cause problems at times

"Having school with my sister isn't too cool," Josh Perando, junior, said. "She gets me into trouble a lot by telling my parents about my mid-terms and report cards."

Going to school with someone in your family must have seemed difficult at times. If you had a younger brother or sister, you would worry about them telling your parents if you had done something wrong that day. With the help of a sibling, you could be grounded for the rest of your life.

"I don't like going to school with my brother because if I was to do anything wrong, he would use it against me," Brooke Shank, junior, said.

On the other hand, some students didn't mind that their sibling attended the same school they did. Sometimes

just knowing that there was someone there to depend on was a great feeling. Your brother or sister could become your best friend by the time school was over.

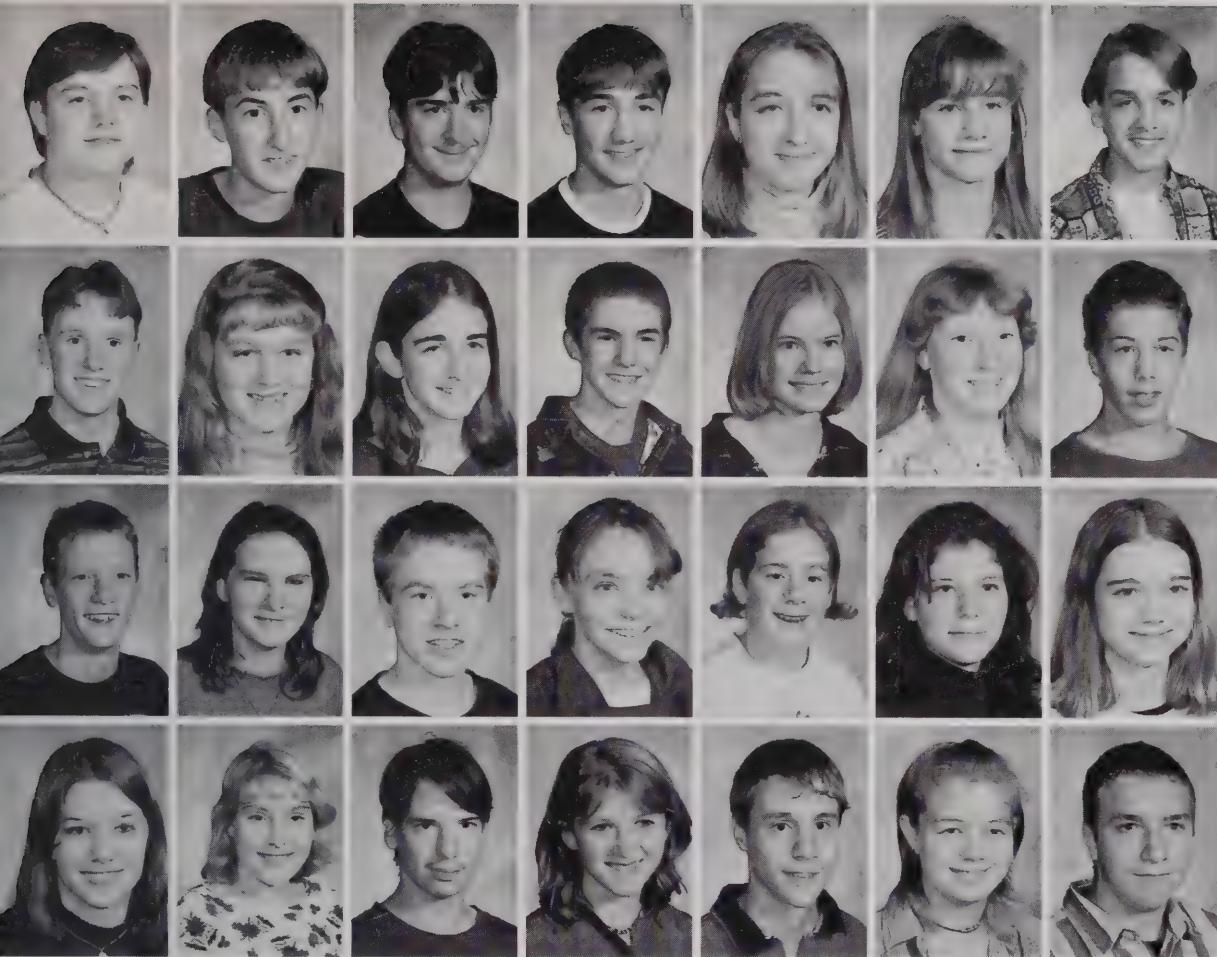
"I like going to school with my sister," Mike Paesani, sophomore, said. "She gives me a ride to school everyday, and she's also pretty cool."

All in all, some students didn't mind that they had a relative in the same school as them, and some hated the idea. It all depended on the situation of the students.

"By being a twin, everyone always gets me and my brother mixed up, and calls us by the wrong name," Mike Bittinger, junior, said. "That's one of the reasons why I don't like going to school with my brother."

• By: Deni Lynn Shaffer





Roy Cheshire	11
Caine Chorpenning	9
Aaron Cline	11
Jesse Coddington	10
Amanda Cogley	10
Tonya Cogley	11
Joseph Collins	11

Mark Collins	9
Lisa Connelly	11
Megan Conroy	10
Sean Conroy	11
Janet Cook	10
Marie Cooper	9
Bryan Corby	9

Johnny Corby	9
Rana Corby	10
Nicholas Cosner	9
Tonya Cottrell	9
Derek Coughlin	9
Francesca Coviello	11
Emilee Craver	9

Tiffany Craver	10
Amber Crites	10
Dwayne Cromwell	10
Terri Crosby	10
Gary Crosco	10
Tanya Crosco	9
Tommy Crosco	10



Two sisters that go to school together and don't mind it are Lauren and Alison Rudy. "It doesn't bother me at all that Lauren goes to the same school as I do."



Sears, Paugh voted freshmen class clowns

Attention freshmen! The results from your survey are in!

There was a survey conducted in the middle of February to see who the favorites were in each of the underclassmen grades. The people fit the categories they won very well.

"I feel that Toby should have been awarded the title of the most fun," Casey Wesley, freshman, said. "He is always making jokes and he has an eternal smile."

Winning for the category of freshman class clowns were Bryson Paugh and Tiffany Sears. Most people agreed with this choice.

"Bryson is always making jokes, and I think he is really funny," Amy Suess said. "I'm

glad he won this category."

The freshmen voted on a total of seven different topics.

Some students were glad to hear that they had won a certain thing. It meant a lot to them.

"I didn't think my freshman class saw me as being the most sincere," Amy Johnson said. "But I was really surprised and it made me feel good that I won."

One of the categories that won by a landslide was the biggest hunk, won by Josh Bosley.

"Josh is really cool and he's my friend," Jonathan Lucas, freshman, said. "I'm glad he won because I really think he is the biggest hunk."

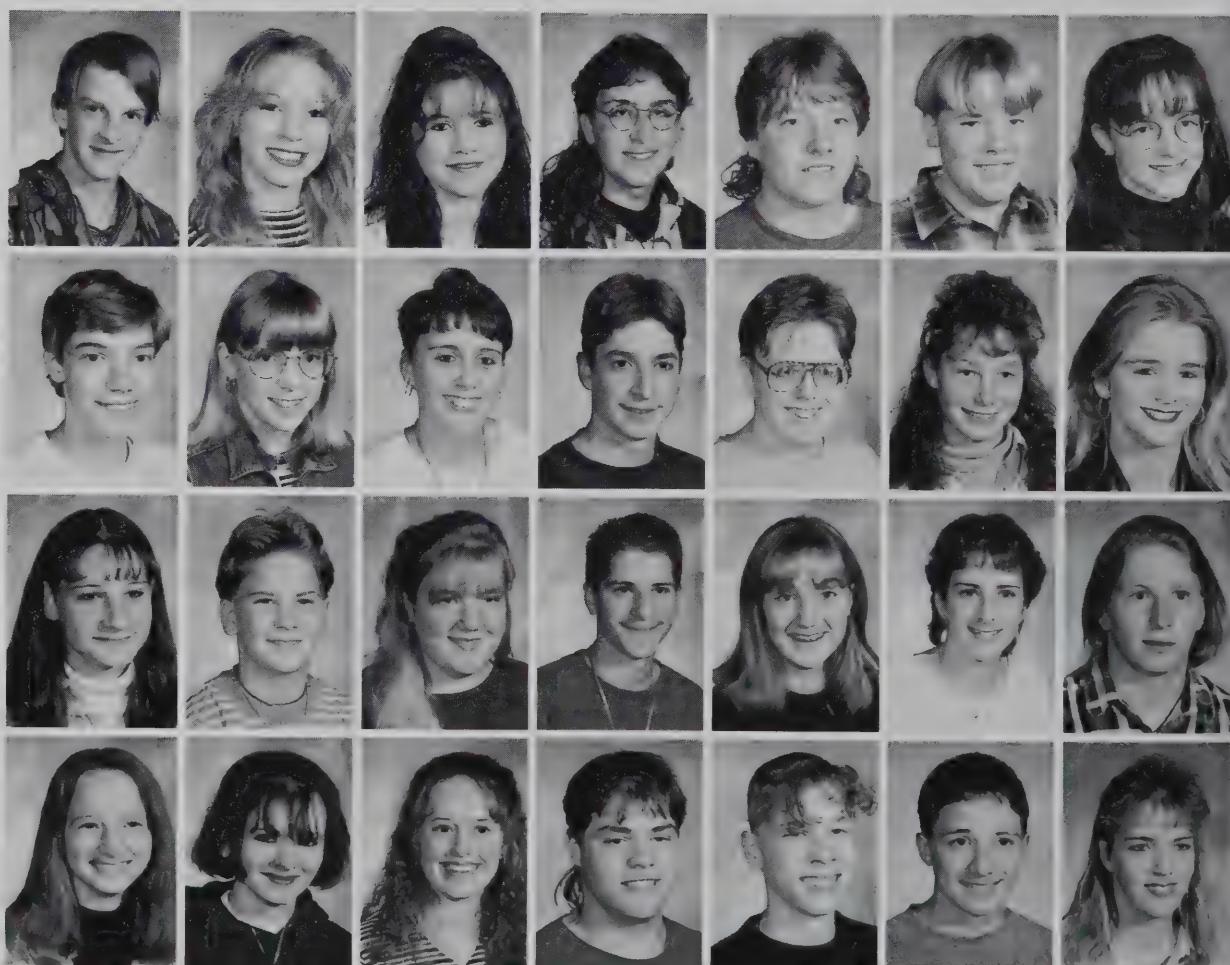
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Daniel Cummings	10
Lisa Curtis	9
Vicki Curtis	9
Daniel Daris	11
Jeremy Davis	10
Richard DeBerry	10
Brittany Decker	11

David Deem	9
Melissa Deem	9
Jennifer Dees	9
Michael Dehus	10
Mark Dever	10
Alicia DeWitt	9
Christy DeWitt	11

Danielle DeWitt	10
DeReck DeWitt	9
Heather DeWitt	10
Jason DeWitt	11
Jeaneen DeWitt	9
Jennifer DeWitt	9
Joshua DeWitt	11

Pamela DeWitt	9
Theresa DeWitt	9
Donnelle Dick	11
Thomas Diehl	10
Darwin Dimick	9
Nathan DiSimone	10
Melissa Dixon	11



Nicest Smile:

Lauren Rudy
Josh Bosley



Most fun to be with:

Toby Upton

Regina Powell



Class Clowns:

Bryson Paugh

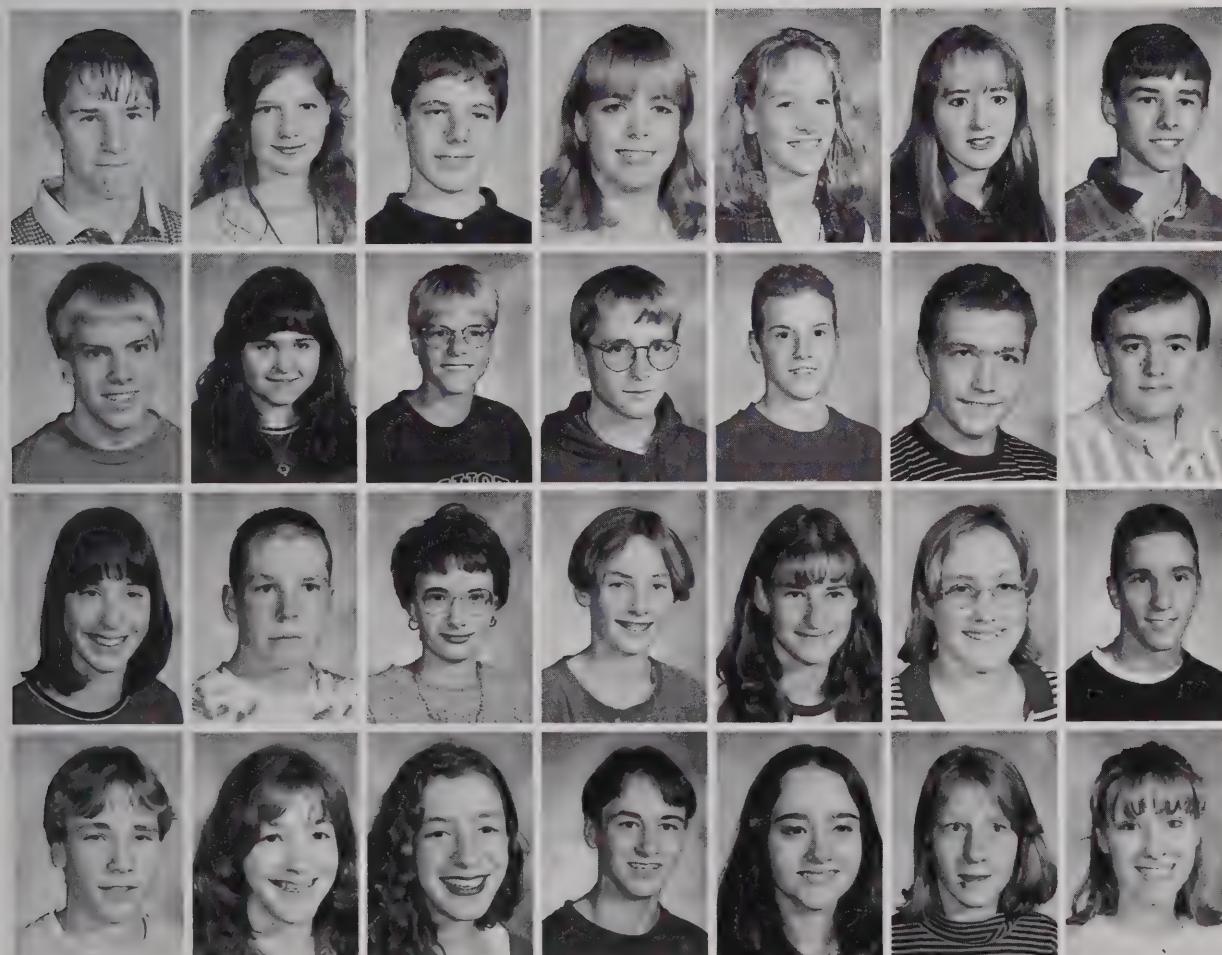
Tiffany Sears



Cutest chick; Biggest hunk:

Heather Hanline

Josh Bosley



Nicholas Dolan	10
Catherine Donaldson	9
John Donaldson	10
Diane Donham	10
Selena Donoghue	9
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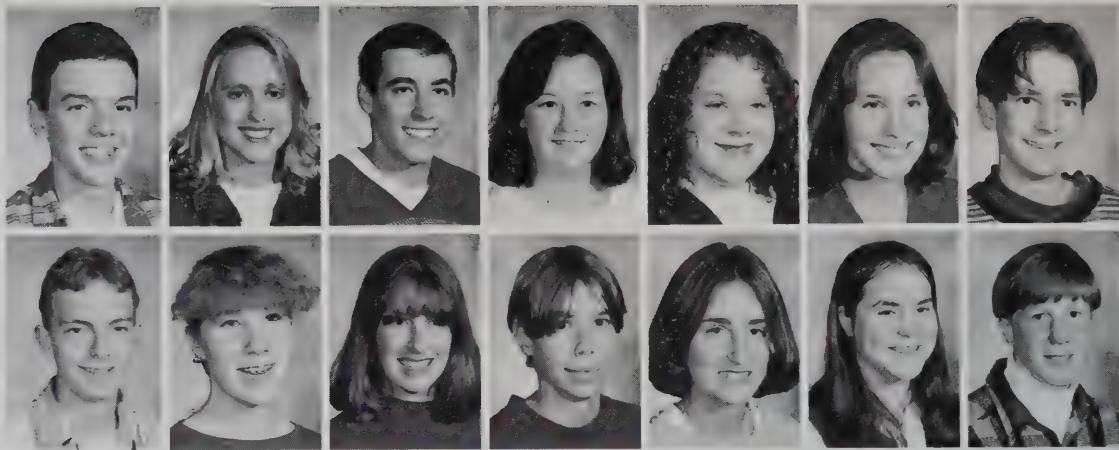
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Rita Ervin	9
Charles Estill	9
Maria Evans	10
Mary Evans	9
Derek Everd	11

Christopher Ewing	10
Jessica Farmer	9
Rachel Farmer	11
Brandon Ferguson	11
Fawn Ferguson	10
Christa Fike	10
Deborah Fike	9

Tony Fike	9
Carrie Filsinger	11
Jason Finch	9
Jennifer Fitzwater	10
Heather Flores	11
Amber Foglepole	10
Nicholas Fontaine	9

Leonard Ford	10
Stephanie Ford	9
Stephanie Forman	9
Nathan Frantz	9
Nicole Frazee	10
Carrie Friend	10
Christopher Friend	10



Warnick, Paesani win best athletes for juniors

Paesani also most buff, Warnick wins for biggest hunk

Having won by a landslide, Chad Warnick and Liz Paesani were voted best athlete of the junior class.

"I was surprised that I got most athletic because I thought Erin Shaffer would win," Liz Paesani said. "She is very athletic and she has won in the past. I have wanted to win most athletic since my freshman year, but Erin always won."

The junior class voted on a total of eight topics.

"I voted for Alison Rudy for being the best dressed because she's always very well dressed," Jackie Stanley

said. "She always looks good in whatever she wears."

Of the eight topics, some students won more than one category. Paesani won best athlete and most buff, while Warnick won best athlete and the biggest hunk.

"I was surprised that I won biggest hunk," Chad said. "I had a feeling I would win the best athlete since I've won in the past, but I was glad to hear that I won (biggest hunk)."

By conducting this survey, it was now known who was the right person for each of these awards.

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Daniel Friend	9
Jennifer Friend	11
Jesse Friend	10
Jody Friend	11
Laura Friend	10
Paul Friend	10
Tonya Friend	11

Brent Furr	10
Bethany Gaither	10
James Gallagher	10
Rebecca Gangler	9
Mitchell Gank	9
Thomas Gank	11
Jayson Garland	10

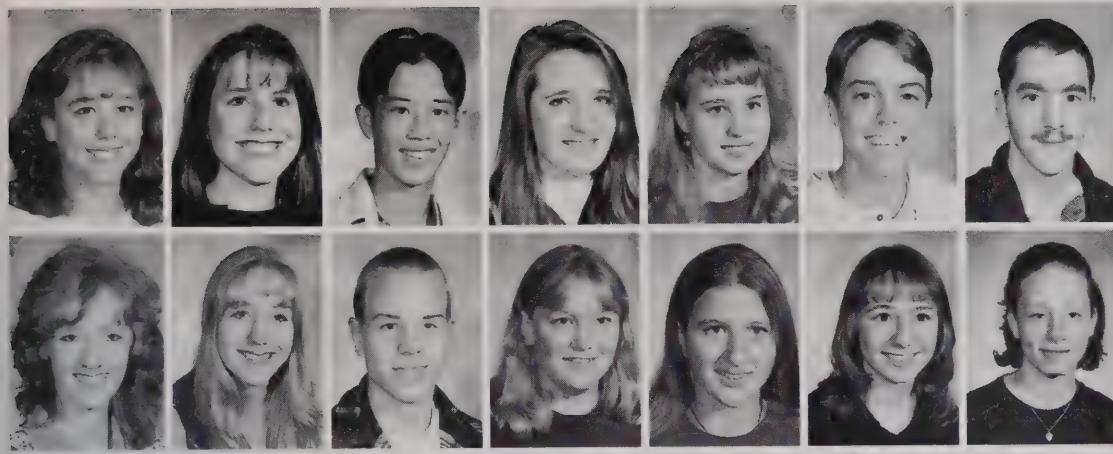


Best looking:
Sara Sincell
Chad Warnick



Most buff:
Liz Paesani
John Ayers





Megan Garland 9
 Lindsay Garris 11
 Karlo Gesner 11
 Jessica Getson 11
 Tasya Gettle 9
 James Gibson 10
 Christopher Gidley 11

Tracy Gilpin 9
 Julie Glotfelty 11
 Nicholas Glotfelty 10
 Paula Glotfelty 9
 Michelle Goralski 10
 Crystal Gordon 10
 Diane Gordon 9



Best dressed:
 Alison Rudy
 Mike Corolla

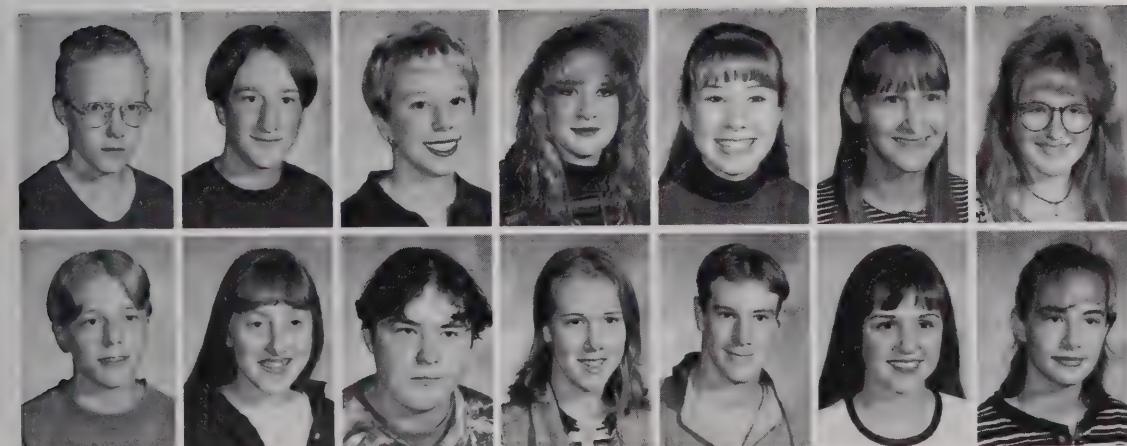


Best hair:
 Sara Sincell
 Mark Ludwig



Most sincere:
 Sean Conroy
 Brittney Decker

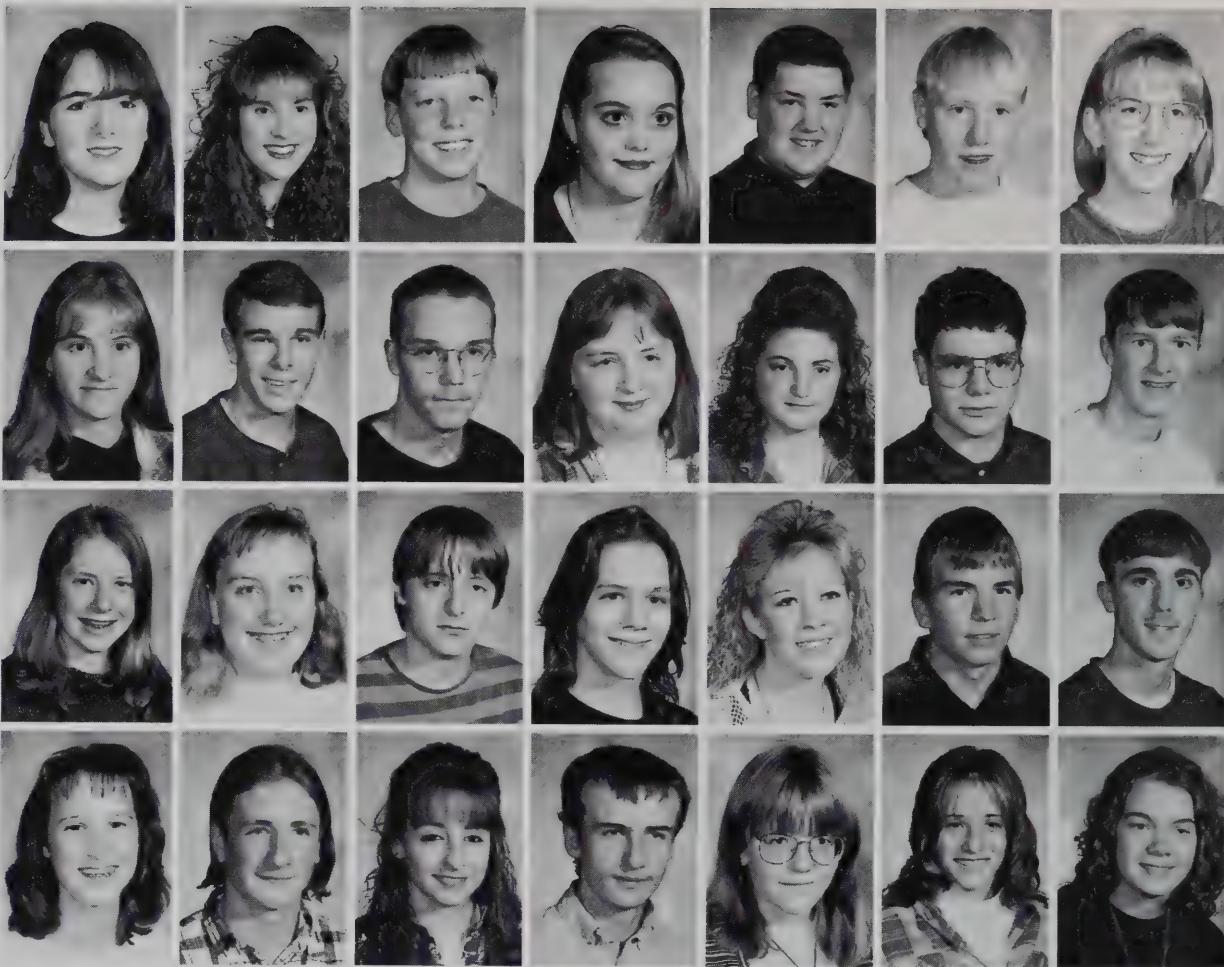
Best athlete:
 Liz Paesani
 Chad Warnick



Philip Gordon 9
 Richard Granke 11
 Jennifer Grant 11
 Kristina Green 11
 Amanda Gregory 9
 Jamie Grubb 11
 Christina Guthrie 11

Dustin Guthrie 9
 Sonia Guthrie 9
 Michael Hall 11
 Allison Hamilton 9
 Ricky Hamilton 10
 Heather Hanline 9
 Kristina Hardesty 11

Maggie Hardesty	11
Cambria Harman	11
James Hart	9
Bridget Hartman	9
Andrew Harvey	11
Billy Harvey	11
Connie Harvey	11



Heather Harvey	11
Michael Harvey	10
Randolph Harvey	10
Rebecca Harvey	9
Christy Hauser	11
Jordan Hazelwood	9
Courtland Helbig	11

Kathryn Helbig	10
Jillena Henderson	10
Gary Herman	10
Kevin Herman	9
Tara Herman	10
Jason Hershman	9
Justin Hershman	11

Megan Hickman	9
Alexander Hill	9
Amanda Hinebaugh	10
Jason Hinebaugh	9
Jessica Hinebaugh	9
Kimberly Hinebaugh	9
Kristal Hinebaugh	11

'Most sincere' goes to Stoner and Bender

'They are probably the most honest and sincere people in the school'

The results from the sophomore survey are in.

Billy Stoner and Andi Bender won the category for being the most sincere. Many students agreed that this was a great choice.

"I am glad to see the Andi and Billy got most sincere," Brittany Slider said. "They are probably the most honest and sincere people in the school."

One of the popular topics voted on for the sophomore class was the most likely to become a professional athlete. Winning by numerous votes was John Andrews for

the males.

"I feel that John should have won the most likely to become a professional athlete because he excels at all of the sports that he plays, especially soccer and basketball," Mike Pae-
sani said.

Others thought there was more than one person that should have won a certain topic.

"I think that Jason Weaver and John Andrews should both have won the category," Boyd Bagwell said. "It's good that sophomores play varsity ball."

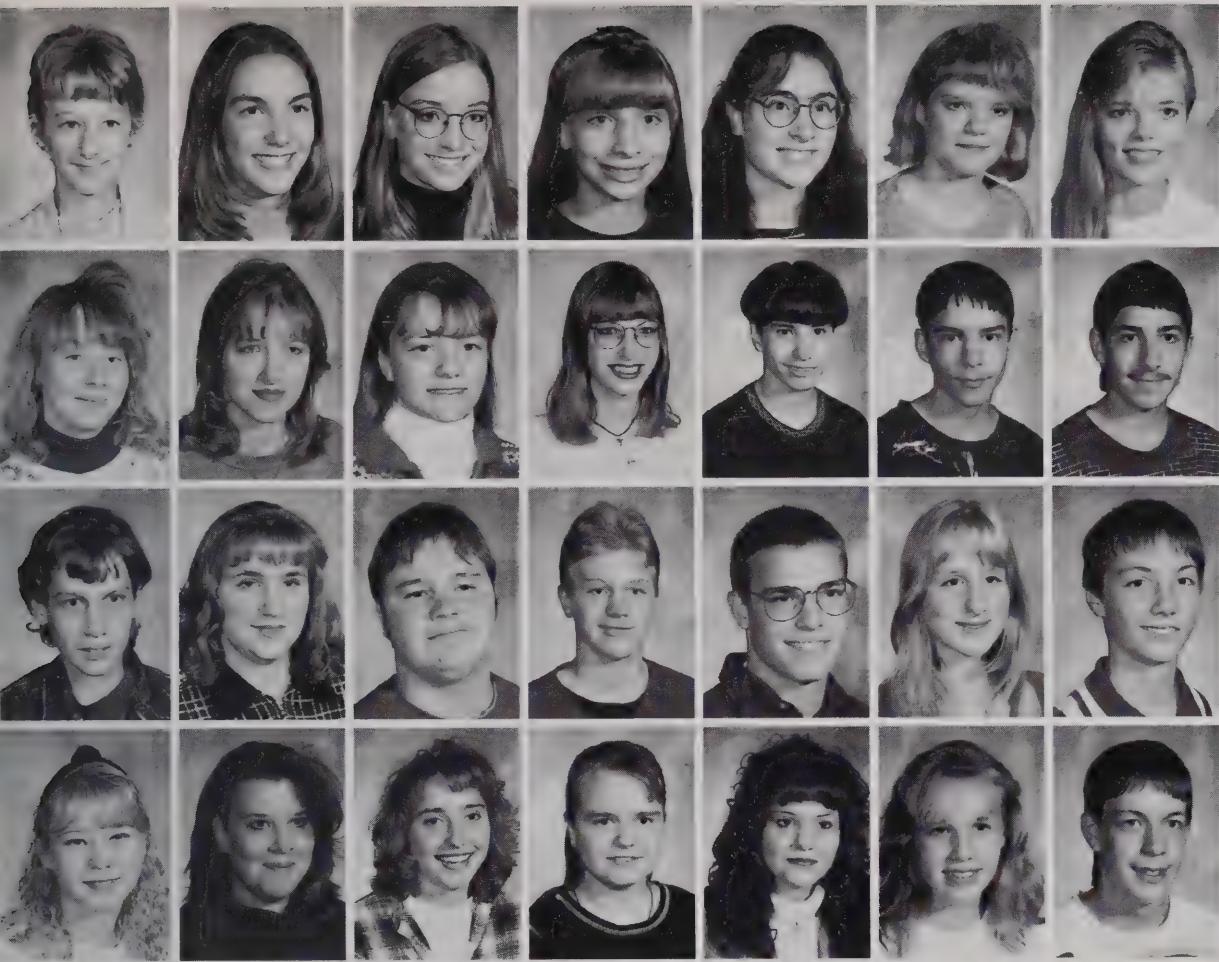
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Biggest Flirt:
Chad Lovett
Katelyne McBee

Most sincere:
Billy Stoner
Andi Bender





Stephanie Hinebaugh	11
Crystal Hinnant	10
Christy Hoalcraft	11
Erin Hoalcraft	9
Tiffany Holtschneider	10
Carrie Hoye	10
Tina Hoye	9

Mary Hutzell	9
Angela Jackson	11
Joy Jackson	9
Tommi Jackson	9
Dillon James	11
Jason James	11
Jesse James	11

Richard Jessup	9
Amy Johnson	9
Jeremiah Johnson	11
John Johnson	9
Boo Jonson	10
Cassandra Kauffmann	9
Scot Kelley	9

Rachel Kelly	11
Valerie Kight	11
Rebecca King	9
Christie Kisner	10
Misty Kisner	11
Nicole Kitzmiller	9
Dustyn Knapp	9

Most likely to
become a
professional athlete:

Andi Bender
John Andrews



Cutest chick,
Biggest hunk:
Crystal Hinnant
Nathan DiSimone

Most Political:
Janet Cook
Jonathan Price



Most fun to be with:
Laura Friend
Reggie Ridder



More homework, long pds, harder work face freshmen

Becoming a freshman could be a difficult and trying experience. Ninth graders had to learn to deal with new things such as extra homework, more problems, the four period day, and harder subjects.

"I feel that the homework load was much larger and harder, due to the longer class periods, and the larger amount of material that we cover in class," Bethany Savage, freshman, said. "We would go through a chapter in no time at all."

On their first day of school, freshmen were greeted by approximately 700 new faces and a whole new set of rules. Trying to adjust from the middle school to the high school could be rather hard, especially with having longer periods than the middle

school.

"The four period day was the hardest thing to adjust to," Lance Tressler, freshman, said. "It was hard to sit in a class for 90 minutes without a break. I think it was pretty easy to get used to besides that."

Freshmen did find out that there were many advantages to becoming a student at the high school. There were more activities to get involved in, and there were many more dances and extracurricular activities to participate in. So all in all, being a freshman wasn't so bad after all.

"It wasn't hard to adjust to the high school," Emily Nemith, freshman, said. "The first week was kind of hectic, but then everything settled down."

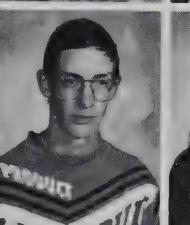
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Melissa Kuykendall	9
Rachel Lane	11
Angela Lantz	9
David Lantz	11
Michael Lantz	9
Tabitha Lantz	9
April Layton	10



Brandi Lewis	10
Coriell Lewis	10
Jeffery Lewis	9
Kimberly Lewis	9
Paula Lewis	11
Stacy Lewis	11
Jason Liller	10



Justin Liller	9
Paul Liller	9
Megan Lilley	9
Stephen Lilly	9
Crystal Lipscomb	11
Kevin Lipscomb	11
Tonya Livengood	11



James Lloyd	11
Rilene Lloyd	10
Vicki Lloyd	10
Denise Longacre	10
Chad Lovett	10
Bridget Lucas	10
Daniel Lucas	11





The library is the scene as Adam Murray reads the newspaper. "The four period day was the hardest thing to adjust to," Lance Tressler said. "It was hard to sit in a class for 90 minutes without a break. I think it was pretty easy to get used to besides that."

After Prom keeps the attention of Kim Hinebaugh and Evie White. Freshmen found out that there were many advantages to becoming a student at the high school. There were more activities to get involved in, such as After Prom, and there were many more dances and extracurricular activities to participate in.



Jonathan Lucas	9
Tara Lucas	10
Mark Ludwig	11
Eben Lynch	10
William Lyon	
Joanna Lyons	9
Patrick Macauley	11

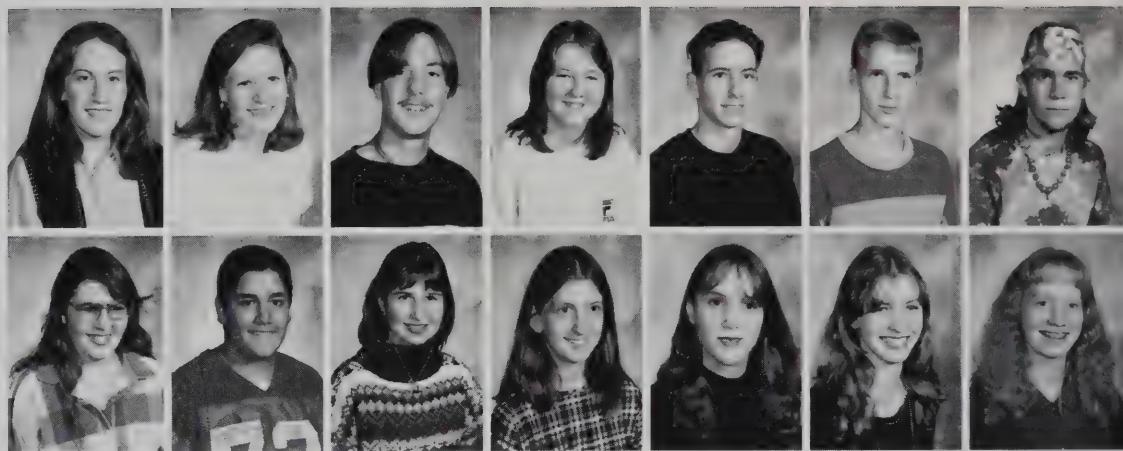
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Max Marshall	11
Meredith Martin	11
Ruth Martin	10
William Martin	9
Alfred Marucci	
Amanda Matthews	10

Scott Matthews	
Jackie Mattingly	11
Sarah Mattingly	10
Jeffrey Maule	10
Diana Mayfield	9
Susan Mayfield	10
Amanda Mayle	11

Jackie Mayle	11
Shawnda Mayle	10
Katelyne McBee	10
Mariah McBee	11
Robert McBee	10
Michelle McCartney	10
Devon McClive	10

Erin McCleave	11
Janet McCrobie	11
Jeffrey McDaniel	11
Amanda McDonald	11
Glenville McFarland	11
Clarence McRobie	9
John Menker	10

Sherrie Merrbach	9
Dennis Mesa	9
Brianne Meyers	9
Jeannine Meyers	10
Kristen Michaels	10
Regina Mick	10
Bridget Miller	11



'Let music make you forget your pain'

Bands may have seemed to be a thing of the past, but in actuality they weren't. They have received encouragement from students here to continue with their love of music.

"I think it's great that they are doing something other than drinking and getting smoked up like most everybody else in the school does," Amanda Brown, junior, said.

Most of those that were in bands have preformed for the students at events such as the talent show, after prom and MORP. "I like it when they perform at school functions," Heidi Baker, junior, said. "It gives me a chance to get to hear them. There are a lot of good bands in the school that have a really good beat and a really good sound for being amateurs."

Music was often their way of expressing themselves. "Let music make you forget your

pain," John Menker, sophomore, said.

They were involved in bands for different reasons. "I love the guys that I'm in the band with, I love music, and I love performing," Karlo Gesner, junior, said.

It was often a struggle to find time for music in their lives with school, work, and sports.

"I practice about three hours every night," Mark Ludwig, junior, said. "Playing different chords and doing scales are what I usually practice. It complicates things when I have track practice, because you only have so much time for each activity, but I always get by."

Out of the majority of band members, the bulk was usually guys. "I think that this is because girls have better things to do, such as chase the guys and wash our hair," Carrie Filsinger, junior, said.

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Bryanne Miller	11
Jeremy Miller	9
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Jessica Miller	9
Michael Miller	11
Stephanie Miller	9
Thomas Miller	9

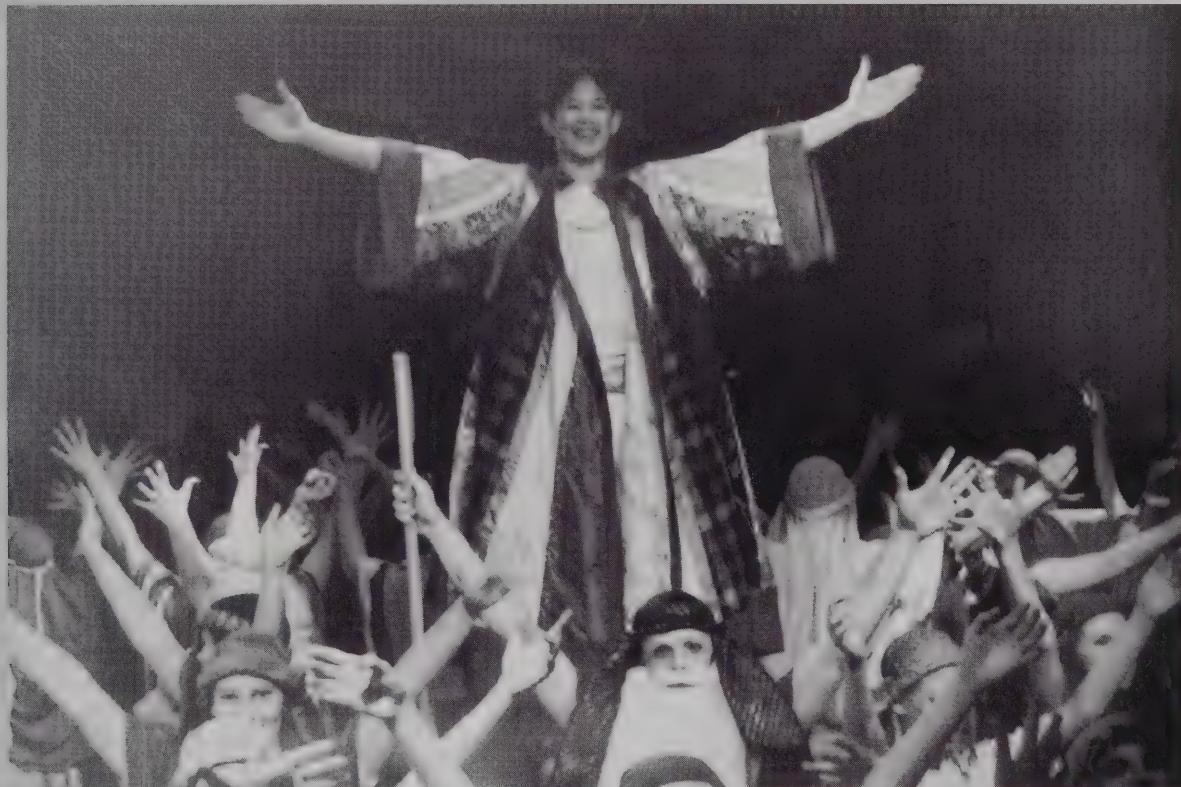
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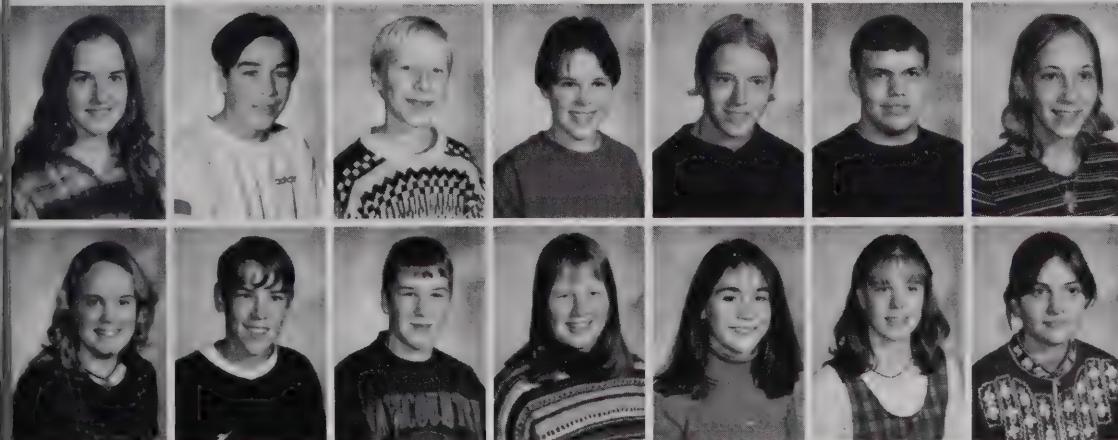
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Jesse Morgan	11
Jonathan Moriarity	9
Susie Mosser	11
Meghan Mou	11
Aaron Mountain	11

Joshua Moyer	9
Alice Murphy	9
Jeremy Murphy	9
John Murphy	9
Kenny Murphy	11
Michael Murphy	9
Patrick Murphy	10



The music was performed by members of bands from the school at MROP, one of the few school functions that bands were permitted to participate in. Bands outside of the school were seen mainly playing at the talent show, after prom, and MROP.

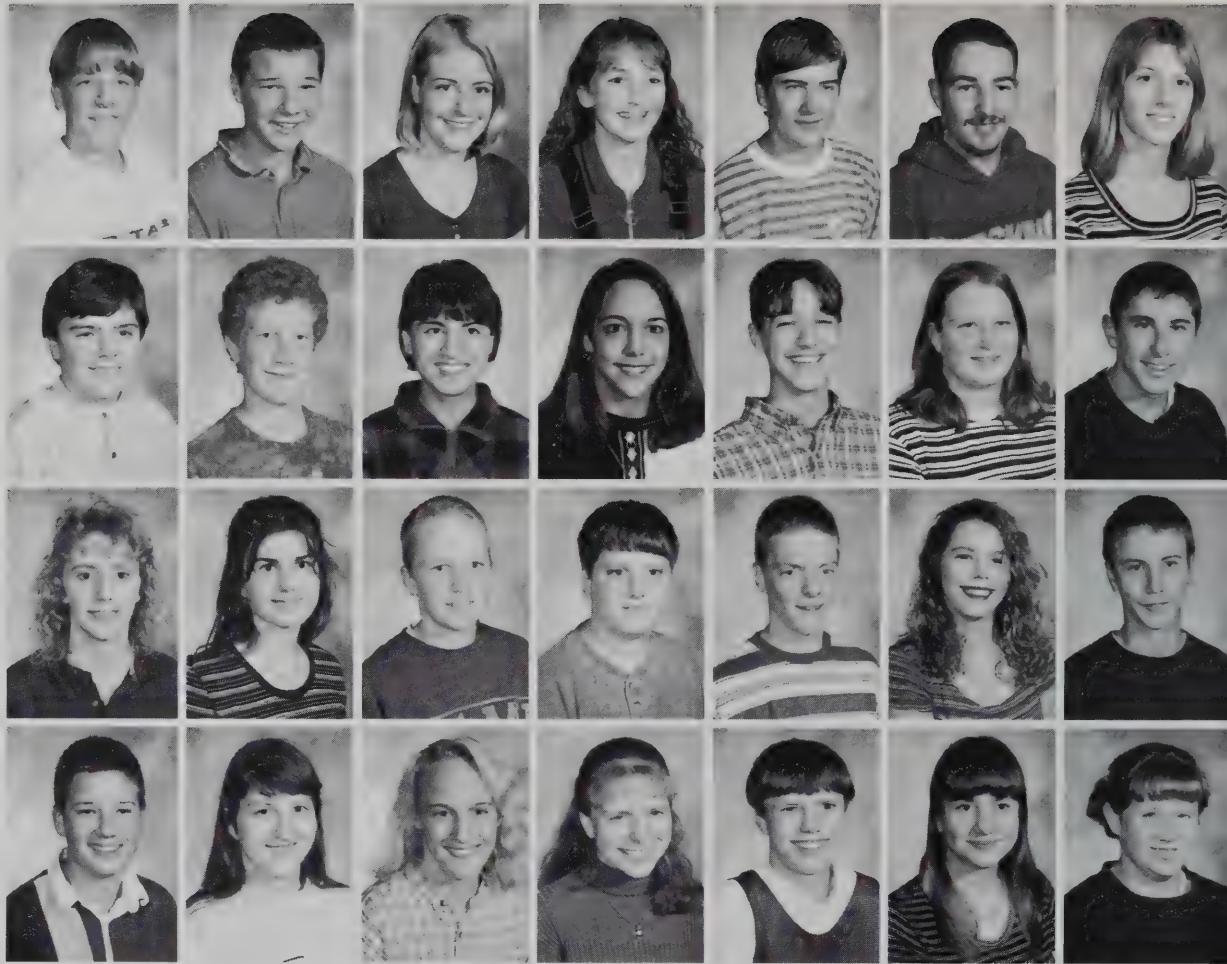
Karlo Gesner shows off his musical talent by playing the lead role in the musical performance of *Joseph*. "... I love music and I love performing," Karlo said on behalf of his love for music.



Sheena Murphy	9
Robert Murphy	9
Adam Murray	9
Beverly Murray	9
David Murray	10
Kenneth Myers	11
Mika Myers	10

Whitney Myers	10
Derrick Nelson	10
James Nelson	10
Lauren Nelson	9
Emily Nemith	9
Annie Neville	10
Rebekah Newman	10

Chad Nice	9
David Nichols	11
Karrie Nine	11
Keri Niner	9
Charles Nolan	10
Charles O'Brien	11
Teresa Ohler	9



Nicholas Oliverio	9
Brian Oxford	9
Maria Oyarce	11
Elizabeth Paesani	11
Michael Paesani	10
Amanda Palmer	9
Michael Pamepinto	10

Linda Pannell	10
Tammy Pannell	10
Nathaniel Panther	9
Michael Pariseau	9
Stephen Pariseau	11
Saretha Park	11
Keith Parks	10

Bryson Paugh	9
Ginger Paugh	9
Hannah Paugh	11
Jackie Paugh	10
Johnny Paugh	9
Michelle Paugh	11
Rachel Paugh	9

What do students own that number 34, 2, and 1?

CDs, CDs, and more CDs was what it seemed like most teenagers owned. Students on average owned 34 CDs, however, some did own remarkably more. "I have a lot of CDs because I like to listen to all different kinds of music," Crystal Hinnant said.

Most students who have had their body pierced had two piercings, usually in their ears. "I have each ear pierced once," Stacy Lewis, junior, said. "I probably won't get any more because my parents don't want me to and I don't really think I would like any more. I think a lot of piercings is OK, it just depends on that person's preference."

Out of those that had visited foreign countries, there was an average of one country. How-

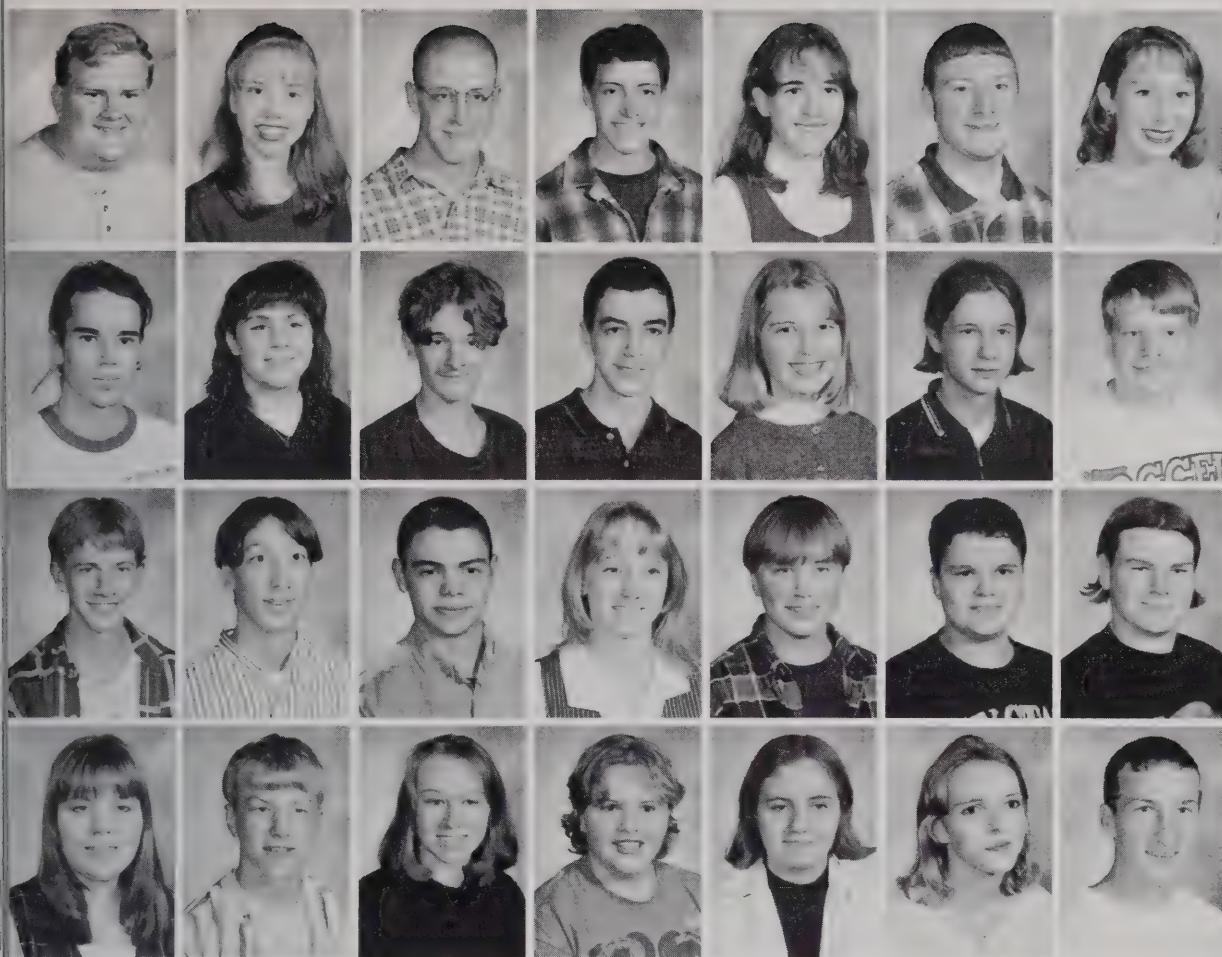
ever, many students dreamed of going to one. "I haven't been to a foreign country yet, but I would love to go see different people's life styles," Jamie Grubb, junior, said.

If the amount of those that have dyed their hair in the past two years was divided evenly among those surveyed, it would have been about once in the past two years.

"In the past two years I think that I have dyed my hair about seven times," Misty Kisner, junior, said. "I always heard that blondes have more fun so I tried to dye my hair blonde once and will never try it again; it turned it a reddish-orange color. I have to keep dyeing it now to hide the roots so that it doesn't look so bad."

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Robert Paugh	11
Virginia Paugh	10
Brandon Peck	11
Joshua Peck	10
Marianne Peracchio	9
Josh Perando	11
Sheri Perando	10

Kenneth Perrin	11
Angela Perry	10
John Peterson	10
Peter Porcaro	10
Regina Powell	9
Hagan Pratt	10
Nicholas Pratt	9

Jonathan Price	10
Michael Prohonic	10
Arthur Pysell	10
Heidi Ravenscroft	11
Brian Rayburn	9
Geoffrey Reams	9
Phillip Reams	10

Angie Reckart	11
Jason Reckart	11
Jennifer Reckart	9
Amanda Reese	10
Ashley Reese	11
Bobbie Jo Reese	10
Eric Rexrode	11



Backing away with only five holes in her ears, Jessica Baker looks toward Shelley Goralski as Shelley points to the seventh hole she has in her head. "I got my eyebrow pierced for one reason – to be different from other people in this school. I got the idea when I saw my hero Jonathan Davis on the Box one and a half years ago," Shelley said.

Looking at a pile of shoes, Elizabeth Sauder and Jason Hershman count to see if there are more boys' or girls' shoes there. When surveyed, the average number of shoes was 19 per student, girls usually owning more.

2, 3, 13 and 20...

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Two cats and a dog would give the average of three pets that students owned. "Well, if you don't count siblings I have three," Rodney Byrd, junior, said. "I don't want any more either cause I really don't want to have to clean up after them."

In their wallet most people had about 13 pictures of friends and family. "I carry about 20 pictures around so that people can see what my friends look like whenever they want to know who I mean," Chrissy Steyer, junior, said.

One ring was what most students would wear. But like everything else, there were exceptions, such as Heather Flores. "I usually wear five or six rings at once. They are kind of a part of me and I feel lost without them. Each one was given to me by a different

person for different reasons so they all have a special meaning to me," she said.

The average student has had their hair cut at least nine times in the past year. "I have only had my hair cut once in the last year," Heather Harvey, junior, said. "I like my hair long and I am afraid they will take it too short."

There were two keychains on most students' bookbags. "I have six keychains on my bookbag," Laura Jordan, junior, said. "All of them are picture ones so that people can see what my friends look like."

The average number of shoes was 19 per student, girls usually owning more. "I love my shoes," Marni Sweitzer, junior, said. "If I am out and I see a pair of shoes I like, I usually have to buy them. I doesn't matter to me where I get my shoes as long as they look right." •By: Maggie Mae Hardesty



Melvin Rexrode	11
Jeremy Rhine	11
John Rhodes	10
Barbara Ricketts	9
Andrew Rickman	9
Ronald Ridder	10
Shawn Riggleman	11



Bonnie Riley	9
Danny Riley	11
Tracy Riley	9
Stephanie Ringer	11
Justin Rinker	10
Michael Ritchey	10
Lisa Robinette	11

Angel Rodeheaver	9
April Rodeheaver	11
Jason Rodeheaver	10
Joshua Rodeheaver	9
Marshall Rodeheaver	10
Brian Roderick	9
Jason Rohrbaugh	9

Kristian Rohrbaugh	9
Michael Rohrbaugh	11
Brian Rollman	9
Christopher Rondeau	11
Andrew Rounds	9
Terry Roy	9
Allison Rudy	11

A bookbag full of keychains tells other people when Alice Murphy is near. "I have my keychains on my bookbag because I can play with them during class in case I get bored! It gives me something to do."



A handful of rings makes it hard for Nick Wolf to shake hands without hurting his fingers. Many students thought it a fashion statement to have rings on every finger.



Lauren Rudy	9
Jonathon Ruff	10
Phillip Rumer	9
Brandy Rush	10
Erin Rush	10
William Sachs	11
Jennifer Sanders	9

Scott Sanders	11
Seth Sanders	11
Jessica Saturday	10
Elizabeth Sauder	9
Alicia Sausman	10
Bethany Savage	9
Gregory Savage	11

Julie Savage	9
James Schmidt	11
Robert Schmidt	11
Stephanie Schmitz	9
David Schoch	11
Christina Schrock	11
Patrick Schrock	10

Michael Schwalm	9
Jennifer Scripp	10
Tiffany Sears	9
Andrew Seib	11
Misty Sereno	9
Daniel Shafer	10
David Shaffer	11

Eric Shaffer	9
Faryn Shaffer	9
Jennifer Shaffer	11
Rachel Shaffer	11
Michael Shahan	9
Brandon Shank	9
Brooke Shank	11



Daniel Sharpless	9
Harland Sharpless	11
Misty Sharpless	10
Amy Sherwood	10
Brenda Shiflett	9
Steven Shiflett	11
William Shiflett	9

What's your most prize possession?

"I love my car, it gives me some freedom and space away from my mom. I love her to death, too, but this way when I get mad at her I can leave the house and get away for a little while," David Shaffer, junior.

"My makeup, it makes me beautiful. I won't even walk out of my house without my makeup on. If I have to go to the hospital I want to look good," Dana Armstrong, junior.

"My pictures because they're my memories. This way I can always remember the people I went to school with 50 years from now when I am senile," Amanda Brown, junior.

"My rings because people I care about got them for me," Stephanie Ringer, junior.

"My rings because they show the love between Jymz and I. I never take it off either, in Jymz's eyes if I take it off it is like leaving him, and I will never leave him," Anya Tasker, junior.

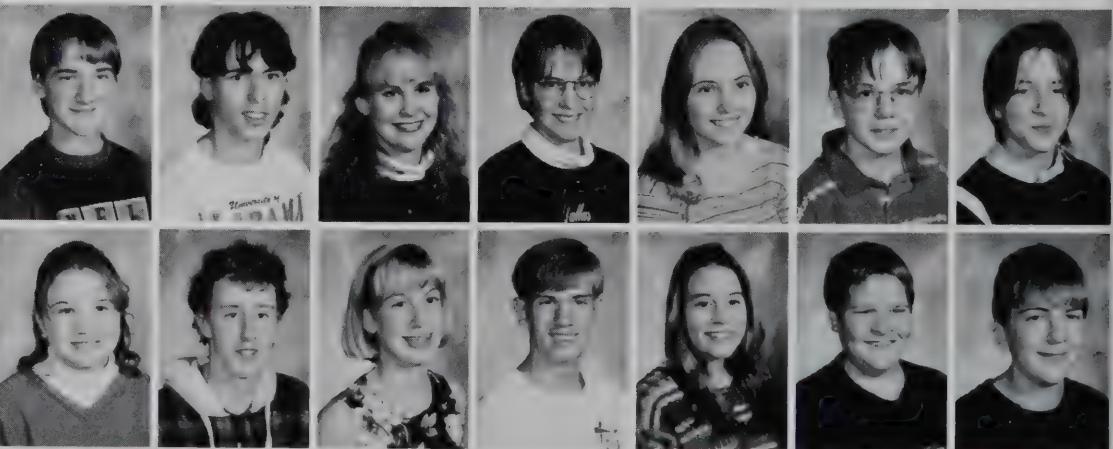
"My stereo because I'm always listening to it," Jordan Upole, freshman.

"My CD player so I can listen to my music, it provides an escape from the world and all of my trouble," Randy Harvey, sophomore.

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Scott Shillingburg	10
Jeremiah Shockey	10
Amy Shope	10
Ashley Shreve	10
Sara Shrewsbury	10
David Simmons	9
Jeremy Simmons	9

Melissa Simmons	10
Thomas Simms	10
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Richard Sines	9





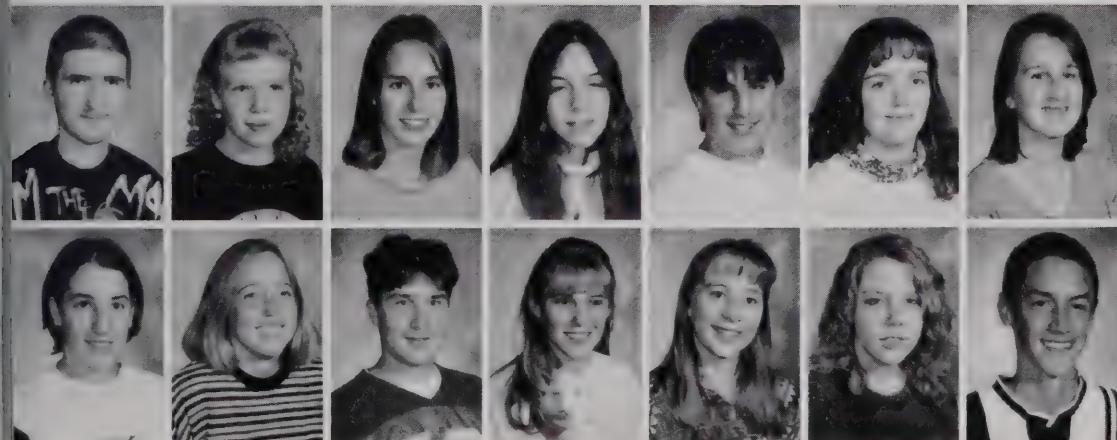
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Brittany Slider	10
Adam Smith	11

Bethany Smith	11
Gregory Smith	9
Jennifer Smith	11
Monica Smith	10
Joseph Snell	11
Amy Snyder	10
Anna Snyder	10



"Pez is something you wouldn't think a teenager would buy and it's the greatest thing on Earth," Erin Wampler said. **"As the Pez advertisements say, 'It's a great treat that's fun to eat.'"**

"My engagement ring from Bink, because it's a symbol of love and it shows the start of our life together," Cheri Stemple.



Mark Snyder	11
Angela Solomon	9
Desiree Spady	10
Mindy Spano	9
Justin Spiker	10
Amanda Spink	10
Kristen Spurrier	9

Nathan Stahl	9
Jacquelyn Stanley	11
Jamie Stanton	9
Shasta Steffan	10
Cheri Stemple	11
Holli Stemple	9
Justin Stephens	9

Amanda Stewart	9
Christina Steyer	10
James Steyer	11
Melissa Steyer	11
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Arley Stimak	9
Ashley Stimak	9



Naomi Stoner	10
William Stoner	10
Dennis Stottlemeyer	9
Hanna Stratton	11
Keri Strubin	10
Amy Suess	9
Jarrod Suess	10

Toni Sullivan	10
Franklin Sweitzer	9
Jeremy Sweitzer	9
Jerry Sweitzer	10
Marni Sweitzer	11
Stephanie Sweitzer	10
Tommy Sweitzer	10

Michael Taliaferro	11
Anya Tasker	11
Crystal Tasker	11
Douglas Tasker	10
Jessica Tasker	10
Todd Tasker	9
Laura Taylor	10

My prized possessions

Students like dolls, posters, dogs

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"My bed, because it's a big nice bed," Stephanie White, freshman.

"My woody doll, it's my buddy," Ricki Hamilton, sophomore.

"My dog, Buster, he's so lovable. I have had Buster since I was really little and he's a really great pet," James Virts, sophomore.

"My oatmeal cream pies because they're good to eat, especially the yummy cream filing. Whoever invented cream pies should have a statue made of them to be revered and worshiped," Josh White, sophomore.

"My most prized possession is my Kermit the frog doll because he's my hero. Whenever I go to somebodies house, I take it with me to provide a little piece of home," Erin Lynn Ball, junior.

"Mine is the wall of guys in my room because they keep me hoping," Connie Sue Harvey, junior. • By: Maggie Mae Hardesty





Jennifer Teagarden	9
Joshua Teets	10
Michelle Teter	11
Brianna Thayer	9
Joni Thomas	11
Sara Thomas	10
Michelle Thompson	11

Cassy Tichinel	9
Jayne Tichinel	11
Kevin Tichinel	10
George Tichinel	11
Lacy Timmerman	10
Erica Tinsley	10
Krystal Towne	10

Alexander Tressler	9
Eric Tressler	9
Lance Tressler	9
Michael Tressler	11
Chad Troshak	11
Robert Unger	10
Amber Uphold	9

Jody Uphold	9
Jordan Uphold	9
Thomas Uphold	11
Autumn Upole	9
David Upole	10
Jason Upole	11
Jessica Upole	9



"My guitar because I only own one,"
Mitchell Gank said of his prize possession.

Do boys borrow clothes as much as girls do?

Were girls the only ones who borrowed clothes?

"No, because I have a lot of guy friends who ask me if they could borrow some of my clothes," Kendra Alexander, junior, said.

What article of clothing was borrowed most often?

"It's great to have a best friend who's the same size because I can borrow shirts, jeans, and shoes quite often," Maggie Hardesty, junior, said.

Did you always return clothes you borrowed?

"I always return clothes I borrow, but it might be awhile before I give them back," Sara Thomas, sophomore, said.

Did people you have loaned

clothes to always return them?

"I don't always get my clothes back, it doesn't really bother me because I return the favor," Jackie Mayle, junior, said.

Who did you loan clothes to most often?

"It's really cool having a sister close to your age, because you can wear each others clothes," Rachel Farmer, junior, said.

Who has borrowed clothes off of you?

"I never actually lend clothes to people. They usually just rip the clothes off of me and keep them," Adam Herbert, senior, said.

By Erin Ball

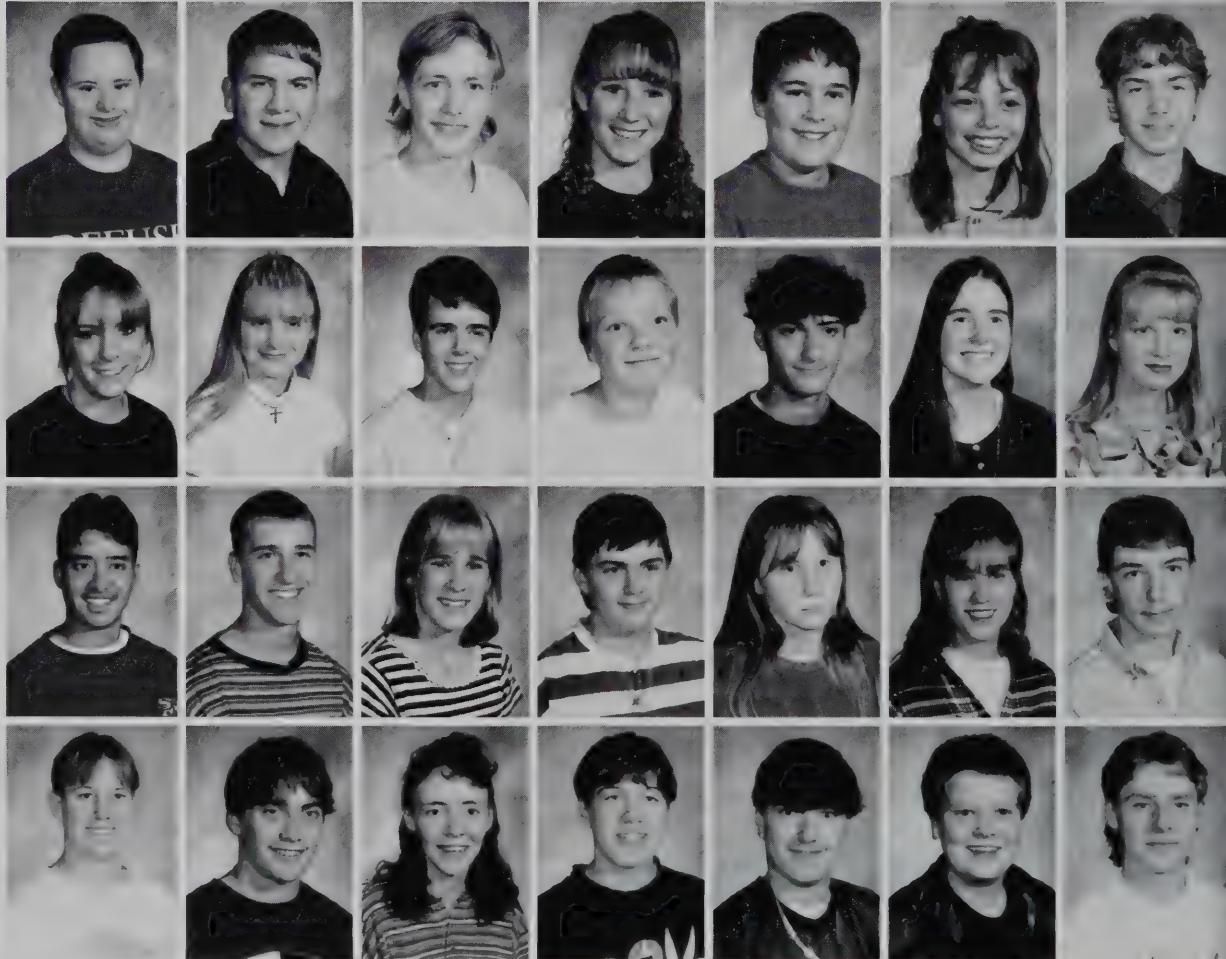


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Joshua VanBrunt	9
Sara Vance	9
Abraham VanMeter	9
Carrie Vanorsdale	9
Ricky Vecchioni	11

Anna Virts	9
Crystal Virts	11
James Virts	10
Randy Walters	9
Matthew Walthall	11
Erin Wampler	11
Hilarie Wampler	10

Christian Warfield	9
Chad Warnick	11
Debra Warnick	9
Delmos Warnick	10
Jessica Warnick	9
Kristin Warnick	11
Bruce Warsaw	11

Nathaniel Watkins	11
Jason Weaver	10
Ann Weese	10
Everett Weimer	9
Justin Welch	11
Lewis Welch	9
William Welch	10



"It's very handy when someone has something you like," Hannah Paugh said, "especially when it's a family member. Wear it when you want."



Borrowing clothes often took place in phys. ed. classes as students forgot to bring theirs in. "I hate the fact that Megan (Mahaffey) always forgets her gym clothes." Sheri had to loan her clothes to Megan.



Kane Wengerd	0
Kara Wengerd	9
Carrie Werdebaugh	9
William Wesley	9
Heather Whitacre	0
Jeremy Whitacre	1
Evelyn White	9

Joshua White	10
Margaret White	11
Ryan White	9
Stephanie White	9
Belinda Whitehair	10
Jonathan Wildesen	9
Autumn Williams	10

Christopher Williams	9
Heather Wilson	9
Justin Wilson	11
Lauren Wilson	
Amber Wilt	9
Erica Wilt	9
Rena Wilt	10

Stephen Wilt	10
Heather Winebrenner	9
Sarah Winter	11
Shelley Winters	9
Nicholas Wolf	9
Theodore Wolf	9
Brian Wolfe	11

Timothy Wotring	10
Carrie Yommer	9
Andrew Zimmerman	11
Bradley Zimmerman	

A song begins to play and I get

A funny feeling

I'm driving to a movie one day, a song begins playing on the radio. It's an older song, and while listening to it, I get that funny feeling inside. A feeling of mixed emotions. One that puts a smile on my face but a tear in my eye.

This song reminds me of a specific time in my life. Maybe a special memory that I shared with my best friend or ex-friend.

Special memories last forever. They are ones that you never forget.

Teachers also had special memories many of which were from their high school years. They too would never forget these times.

"I graduated valedictorian," Ms. Diane Marks said. "My work paid off and I was able to voice my opinions during graduation."

Many of these special memories were thought of everyday. They may affect a teacher dur-

ing work which allowed them to be shared with each student.

"My most special memory was a title," Mr. John Clark said. "Being a part of VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) was special because it taught me values that I still live by today. I also won state and national titles in brick masonry and safety posters. These are all values that I still try to teach my students today."

Many students who attended Southern were involved in the arts. Musicals and plays were very important to many people in the community. Things have not changed much from when the teachers were in high school.

Many members of the faculty were also involved in school and community plays when they were in high school. Some were even left with special memories

from those times.

"I will never forget my junior class play," Ms. Jane Avery said. "It was definitely my most special memory."

Many teachers, like today's teens, were involved in school sports.

"I will always remember going to States twice for cross country and scoring my first soccer goal," Mr. Bill Freyman said.

Mr. David Bender also had special memories from playing baseball for Northern High School.

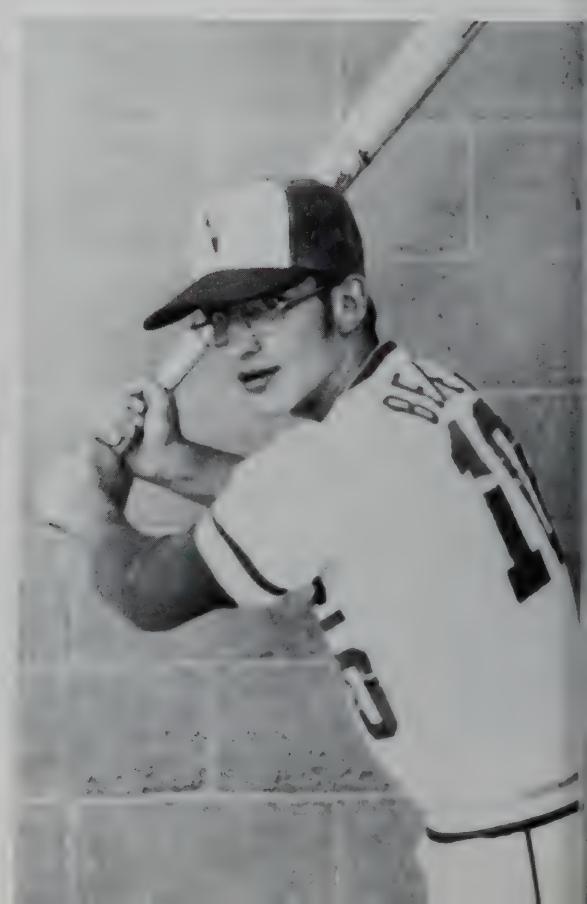
These memories will never be forgotten by the teachers. Many may relate to some of your own special memories, or maybe not. Either way, we can all say that we can remember some pretty cool times that we will never forget.

By: Chrystal Hinnant



SMILING WHILE RECEIVING HER DIPLOMA, Ms. Diane Marks shakes hands with School Superintendent Dr. William Buser. Ms. Marks' hard work during school paid off. She was the valedictorian of her class graduating from Southern in the 1970's.

ALTHOUGH MR. BENDER IS NOW a respected teacher at Southern High School, he had several special memories of his high school years at Northern High School. Mr. Bender was very athletic and loved his years playing baseball for the Northern Huskies.



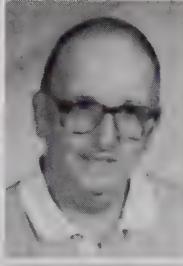


Ms. Jean Alvarez: Special Education: English, Math, Civics, History, Pre-vocational Skills, Activity Period (Computer Games)

Ms. Jane Avery: Theatre I, Theatre II, English, School Play, Activity Period (Theatre Games)

Mr. David Beard: Civics

Mr. David Bender: World History, Civics, Model United Nations, Boys' Basketball Coach



Mrs. Lisa Bender: Marketing I, Marketing II, After Prom Advisor

Mr. Harry Biggs: U.S. History, Civics, World History, Physical Education, Health, Student Against Drunk Driving (S.A.D.D.) Advisor, Activity Period (Christian Club)

Mr. Carl Booth: General English, English I, English II, Boys' Cross Country Coach

Mr. David Bosley: Math, Assistant Football and Softball Coach



Mr. Loren Bowser: Carpentry

Mr. Douglas Buckley: World History, Journalism, School Improvement Team, Social Studies Dept. Chair

Mrs. Elaine Butts: Vocational Class

Mrs. Vicki Carlson: General Math, Consumer-Career Math, Pre-Algebra, Biology, English II-IV



Mr. John Clark: BBS (Brick, Block, and Stonemasonry), VICA Advisor

Mr. Richard Clever: General Music, Instrumental Music, Choral Music, Marching Band, Winter Colorguard, Stage Band, Winter Percussion

Mr. Steve Cosner: Electronics, Ag Science, Tech Ed., Advisor VICA, Boys' Track Coach

Mr. Chris Csonka: Computer Studies, Activity Period (Russian Club)



Ms. Martha DeBerry: Media Specialist

Mr. William Dignan: Special Education Classes, Girls' Basketball Coach, Girls' Tennis Coach, Activity Period (Girls' Basketball)

Mr. Nikola Drobac: Technology Education, Golf Coach, Activity Period (Backgammon and Checkers)

Mr. Dowain Ford: Technology Education



Mrs. Pam Eyler: VSST Paraprofessional, Assistant VICA and FFA Advisor

Mrs. Leona Fike: Detention, Attendance

Mrs. Valerie Frazee: Biology, Chem Com, Activity Period (Recycling Club)

Mr. William Freyman: Drafting, Assistant Track Coach, Activity Period (Study Hall For Skiers)



Mrs. Natalie Gangler: Physical Education, Health Education, Physical Activity, Activity Period (Physical Activity)

Mrs. Linda Garris: English, Varsity Cheerleading Advisor, Activity Period (College Search)

Mrs. Debbie Friend: Special Education Assistant

Ms. Jane Gibson: Child Care I, Child Care II, Home Economics I, Human Development and Life Skills, Freshman Class Sponsor

Garrett County seems like

The place to be

Seasonal hospitality was what Garrett County was known for.

These seasons allowed a person to see anything from colorful autumn leaves to maple syrup trees. When taking all this into consideration, Garrett County seemed like the place to be.

Various faculty members were asked which season they preferred to spend time in.

"I like the fall best," Mr. Chris Csonka said. "There were all those wonderful vistas of color with the leaves on the trees changing, especially in an area as this in Western Maryland. I also love the cool, crisp air and the interesting clouds at night."

Mr. Charles Harkins had a different reason. "My family and I also like the fall the most," he said. "My wife and I met in the fall at IUP in Pennsylvania. Things are always calm during this time. We enjoy walks in the colorful woods during this time and

the enjoyment of Halloween."

Not all teachers liked the fall season, though. Most were more inclined to enjoy the warmer seasons.

"I like spring because I enjoy the longer days, the bright sun, green leaves, and early blooming flowers," Mrs. Vera Graham said. "Spring gives me the energy to face the rest of the year."

A majority of teachers who were asked felt that spring just wasn't quite warm enough for them. They personally feel that summer was the best season of all. Would being off work and away from students have anything to do with this?

"My favorite season is summer because I am a summertime person, and I like to swim, garden, and put in lots of hammock time," Mr. David Beard said.

"I like summer because I am basically an 'outdoor' type of person," Mrs. Sarah Steyer

said. "I enjoy bike riding, swimming, taking walks, working in the yard and garden, pretty much anything that gets me outside in the fresh air and sunshine."

"I love summer because I have more time to enjoy my favorite pastime, fishing," Mr. Monty Nock said.

Some teachers were unable to come to a conclusion on just one season.

"I like a variety of seasons in our area," Mr. Steve Kisner said. "Just about the time one season becomes mundane, there is a change. For this reason, I love Garrett County."

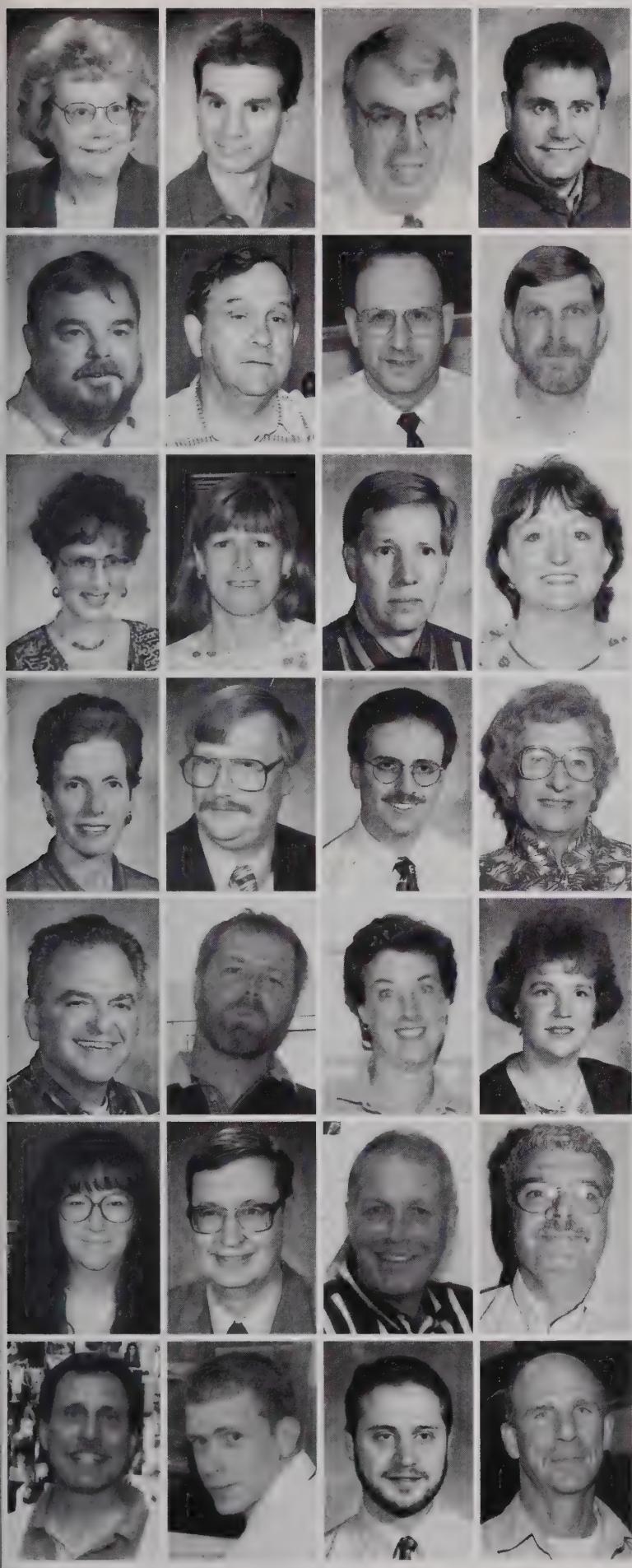
It seemed as though teachers loved Garrett County for its beauty and the many enjoyments offered.

Though some seasons were preferred over others, the teachers all agreed that Garrett County was the place to be.

By: Crystal Hinnant

CLEARING ANOTHER GATE AT A competition at Seven Springs Resort in Pennsylvania, Mr. Bill Freyman is enjoying one of the things he does best, snow skiing. This was one of the reasons that Mr. Freyman loves the winter months.





Mrs. Vera Graham: Business Law, Keyboarding, Office Machines and Procedures, Tutoring, Activity Period (Keyboard Art)

Mr. Fred Gregg: Weight Training, Exercise Physiology, Physical Education, Health

Mr. Wade Grove: Applied Mathematics, Activity Period (Emergency Medical Service Club)

Mr. Charles Harkins: Spanish I-IV, Spanish Exchange Program, Activity Period (Science Fiction Club)

Mr. Joe Heatherman: Driver Education

Mr. Charles Himmier: VSST Coordinator

Mr. Wilbur Hinebaugh: CPR, Driver Education

Mr. William Hogan: English 10-12

Mrs. Holly Janoska: CE I, Maryland's Tomorrow Case Manager, Activity Period (Attendance Bingo)

Ms. Katie Kane: Business Data Processing, Desktop Publishing, Girls' Track Coach

Mr. Steve Kisner: Agricultural Education, FFA

Mrs. Kimberly Kuhn: Algebra IB, Integrated Algebra, Junior Varsity Cheerleading Advisor, Activity Period (Cosmetology)

Mrs. Joan Lambert: German I-IV, Activity Period (German Games)

Mr. Lowell Leitzel: French I-IV, National Honor Society Advisor, Student Council Assistant Advisor, Garrett County Association of Student Councils Assistant Advisor, Co-Coordinator of Quebec City

Mr. Harry Lewis: CPA, Activity Period (High-Performance Autos)

Mrs. Betty Liller: Administrative Secretary

Mr. Delbert Liller: Machine Tool, Manufacturing Technology, Activity Period (Motorcycling)

Mr. Don Lipscomb: Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Activity Period (Math Tutorial)

Ms. Peggy Logsdon: Health Nurse

Mrs. Diana Marks: Earth Science, Biology, Advanced Biology

Mrs. Diane Martin: Study Skills, Affective Education, Activity Period (Assistant Cosmetology)

Mr. Dave Mayfield: Physics I-II, Advanced Geometry, Algebra IB, Student Council Advisor, Assistant Athletic Director, G.C.A.S.C. Advisor

Mr. Monty Nock: Earth Science, Ecology, Chem Com, Activity Period (Ecology Club)

Mr. Matt Novak: Civics, Psychology I-II, World Affairs Team

Mr. Doug Oxford: Psychology, U.S. History, Civics

Mr. Charles Plauger: Science

Mr. Stephen Plum: Biology, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Math, Activity Period (Archery Club)

Mr. Tom Powers: Auto Mechanics, Varsity Soccer Coach, Senior Class Advisor, VICA Advisor

What can we do on a weekend and

What did 'they' do?

A

majority of today's teenagers had jobs during the summer and many had jobs during the winter.

This left them with few days off and even fewer weekends off. But, when they did have free weekends, what did they do?

Students could have gone to a movie, or out to eat. They could have gone to the *Fort* if the weather permitted or maybe to the *Wisp* ski resort if it was snowing.

But sometimes it seemed as though there was nothing for them to do. Their parents tried to give them ideas but they usually didn't have *great* ideas.

Did students ever wonder what their teachers did on weekends when they were students? Well, a few of the teachers were

asked.

"I worked at a veterinarian hospital and I listened to music in between," Mr. Bruce Taliaferro said.

"I worked at my dad's service station, and played ball games," Mr. Dave Bosley said. "I also went to drive-in movies."

As could be seen, teachers also had to work when they were teenagers. Maybe they did this so they could afford to do other things. Some teachers even took classes out of school on their weekends.

"Friday nights, I would watch boxing matches and the million dollar movie on TV," Mrs. Linda Reeves-Cook said. "Saturday mornings I took art classes at Carnegie-Mellon and I hung out

downtown Pittsburgh the rest of the day."

Many teens today were involved in sports. They played basketball, soccer, and baseball with their friends either at the school gym or even in their back yards. Many teens enjoyed running too. In this case, things haven't changed too much since the teachers were teenagers.

"I looked for a pickup game of basketball or baseball to play," Mr. Dave Bender said. "If I couldn't find anything athletic to do, I hung out with my chick."

Maybe one day, this article will help students out.

If they were ever bored with nothing to do, think about what your teachers would have done. Maybe it will turn on a light bulb.

By: Crystal Hinnant

THE OUTDOORS WAS THE LOVE of Mrs. Linda Reeves-Cook because they helped her clear her mind from the many stress factors found in a teen's life. "Saturday mornings I took art classes at Carnegie-Mellon and I hung out downtown Pittsburgh the rest of the day."





Mr. Fred Pratt: English III-IV, Chess Club Sponsor
Mrs. Sonia Pratt: Art I-II, Activity Period (Photography)
Mr. Robert Quick: Assistant Principal
Mrs. Linda Reeves-Cook: Art

Ms. RoseAnn Riley: Guidance Secretary
Ms. Cindy Ringler: English I, Merit English II, Activity Period (Cartoon Show Time)
Mr. Barry Shaffer: English II-IV, Junior Class Advisor
Mrs. Mary Shipe: Foods I-III, Home Economics I, VICA, Senior Class

Mrs. Carol Slagle: Pre-Algebra, Algebra IA, Algebra IB, Advanced Geometry, Algebra II, Activity Period (Math Tutoring)
Mrs. Elsie Slagle: Allied Health
Mrs. Barbara Smith: CPA Assistant, Activity Period (Cosmetology)
Mrs. Sandi Smith: Assistant Special Education: Pre-Algebra, Geometry, English III-IV, Earth Science, Biology, Math 9

Ms. Robin Spiker: English I-II, English IV, Junior Class Advisor
Mrs. Shirley Spiker: Assistant Principal
Mrs. Ann Stanley: Media Assistant
Mr. Don Stemple: Physical Education 9, Health 9, Physical Activity 10, 11, 12

Mrs. Sarah Steyer: Chemistry I, Chemistry II, Chemistry in the Community
Mr. Bruce Taliaferro: Biology, Ecology, Earth Science, Chem Com, Activity Period (Anti-Tobacco Club)
Mrs. Rhonda Tasker: Resource Social Studies, English
Mrs. Athena Taylor: Accounting I, Accounting II, Word Processing, Keyboarding, Sophomore Class Advisor, FBLA Advisor

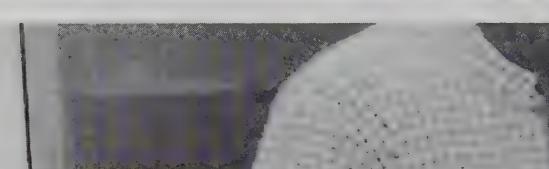
Ms. Irene Thomas: Special Education Assistant
Mr. Ben Thorn: Transition Teacher, Chorus Accompanist
Mr. Tom Woods: U.S. History, Athletic Director, Head Football Coach
Mr. James Zimmerman: Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Department Chairperson-Math, School Improvement Team, Activity Period (Math Tutorial)

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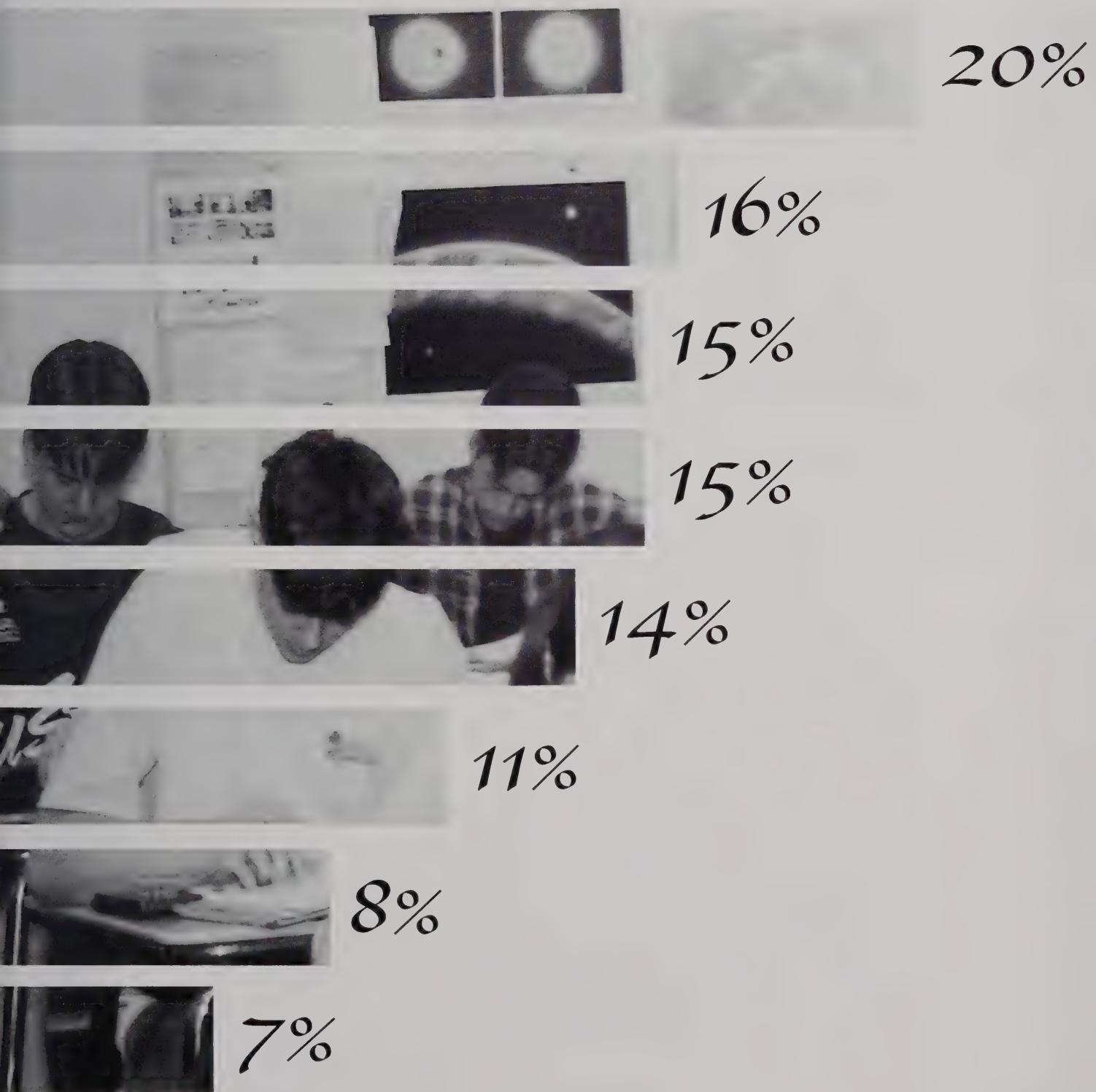
Liberal Arts



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favorite subject ?



A surprise

Not sure of what the outcome might be

By Carrie Filsinger

When the Marching Band moved up to perform in Group Three, people were unsure of what the outcome would be. They surprised everyone.

Moving up a group not only meant more playing members, but harder competition, different performance times, and of course, more buses. Band season was different for everyone.

"This band season was unique for me because I was in band as a freshman and as a senior," Chaz Stoner, senior, said. "It was also special because we were the first Band from Southern to break 90 points in competition."

With five out of the top ten Group Three Bands in Chapter 13, the local chapter, regional competition was tougher than it had been in years.

"Competition was tougher this year," Chris Rondeau, junior, said. "I felt better to win against good bands than to blow away the lesser bands."

Extended practices and continued support from a great staff helped keep morale up during a long and tiresome season.

"The staff was great," Amanda Stieringer, sophomore, said. "Their continued support and talent aided us in our success and achievements."

The Band bounced back after suffering a stinging defeat with placing third at States to go out the next weekend and put on a stunning show at Regionals.

"Chapter Championships was our best show," Jamie Durst, sophomore, said. "It was an exciting performance that put the crowd on their feet."

The score reflected their performance, but the competition was too great. The Band placed fifth, but due to a new system in choosing bands for the Atlantic Coast Championships, the Band was accepted.

"Going to ACC was a good surprise," Jackie Stanley, junior, said. "Our place (5th) at regionals was so low that no one thought that we'd make it."

The 25 bands for the competition were chosen by their scores insuring that only the best bands were accepted. Southern went in ranked 13th.

Whether the band season was their first, last, or somewhere in between, band season will always be remembered.

"I enjoyed marching season to an extreme," Amanda Stewart, freshman, said. "The band room seemed to be my home away from home during those seemingly few memorable months. It was great!"



Warming up before the annual Fireman's Parade are Reggie Ridder and Paul Tepper. The drumline wore kilts and painted their faces like the warriors in *Braveheart* to portray a medieval battle.

Mika Myers and Adam Murray present their half time show to the fans during a home football game. Due to muddy field conditions, Mr. Richard Clever, director, allowed the Band to wear jeans at football games to ensure a clean uniform for the next day's competition.



Stephanie Hinebaugh and Brandon Peck lend their support to cheer on the Rams.





Pit equipment is being played by Maggie Suess as she wears a medieval costume that complements the theme of "Medieval Madness." She was the assistant drum major and pit captain.

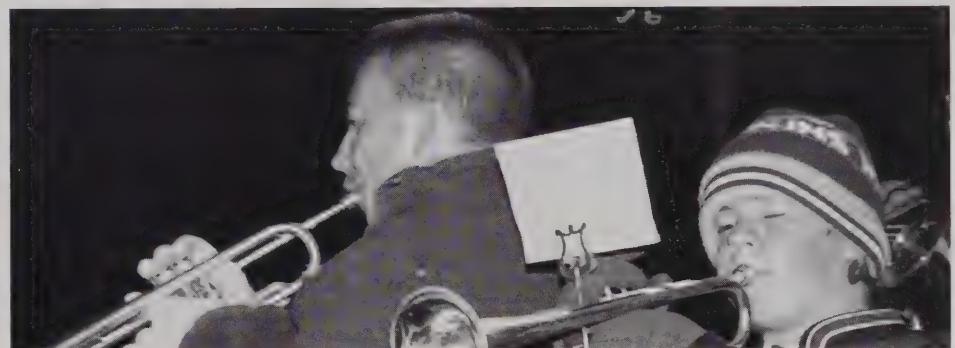
The annual Autumn Glory Festival finds Crystal Tasker,

Karrie Nine, and Jennifer Friend marching down Second Street in Oakland. "The parade on Saturday was awful because we sat in the middle of the street for hours and then got up and marched until we wanted to faint," Jackie Stanley said.



Band Camp was a week of vigorous practice. Angie Sincell, Bethany Savage, and Carrie Carpenter are enjoying the luxury of sitting down during a summer music practice. The music was constantly being changed which made memorization prior to competition hard.

The cold weather didn't keep Wesley Wilt and Derek Coughlin away from home football games. The Band performed their field show at halftime and played pep music in the stands to keep the players motivated.



Front row: Mrs. Marge Clever, Gina Powell, Amy Suess, Sara Sincell, Danielle Jackson, Josh Peck, Shawn Cardiff, Johnny Peterson, Brian Bernard, Jennie Grant, Jennifer Bernard, Maggie Suess, Paul Tepper, Josh Liller, Scot Sines, Cubby Nichols, David Peterson, Vicki Lloyd, Reggie Ridder, Tim Beckman, Aaron Mountain, Mr. Richard Clever **Row two:** Mrs. Tina Harvey, Crystal Tasker, Karrie Nine, Lauren Rudy, Amanda Stieringer, Adam Murray, Mika Myers, Amanda Stewart, Beth Moon, Nikki Warnick, Kim Hinebaugh, Stephanie Hinebaugh, Mike Rohrbaugh, Hilarie Wampler, Bev Ackerman, Lauren Wilson, Angie Sincell, Carrie Carpenter, Carrie Clever **Row three:** Mr. Dave Campbell, Bobby Gray, Bethany Savage, Jason Upole,

Evie White, Carrie Filsinger, Jackie Stanley, Krissy Hinebaugh, Regina Mick, Traci Skiles, Kristin Warnick, Abby Nichols, Tommi Jackson, Amanda Mountain, Becca Gangler, Derek Coughlin, Alex Hill, Whitney Myers, Jennifer Script, April Layton, Justin Helbig, Danielle Gaither, JJ Devine **Back row:** Mr. Bob Thomas, Jimmy Gallagher, Cassie Kauffmann, Mike Carola, Jennifer Sanders, Amanda Palmer, Amy Snyder, Phillip Reams, Chris Rondeau, David Deem, David Murray, Jamie Durst, Wesley Wilt, Brandon Peck, Charlie Nolan, Daniel Shafer, Hannah Paugh, Jennifer Friend, Robert Sines, Chris Thackery.

By Mariah McBee

Outside work

A shocking experience for fish and students



IN THE SAME LAB GROUP, Daniel Sincell and Karlo Gesner are working on the procedures. After completing this experiment, they should have been able to describe and demonstrate the properties of three polymers.

AFTER A DAM WAS JUST BUILT, Rodney Bird and Nick Stonesifer are packing down the grass around it. This was the stream behind the softball field which they were using to find the velocity of the stream.



A BIOLOGIST SPECIALIST from Frostburg State, Ken Table is electric shocking the fish so that Casey McBee can catch them with his net. "It was fun getting out of school to go fishing," Casey said, "although Mike (Pamepinto) got jealous because I caught a lot of fish."



"It was fun catching fish after they were shocked," Keith Parks, sophomore, said. "I thought that it was a good experience and that it was good getting out of class to go outside and work."

The students of Mr. Bruce Taliaferro's Biology class went to the Little Youghiogheny River to study the importance of fish and aquatic animals. The students were asked to catch the fish with the nets after they were electronically shocked by Dr. Rich Raesly of Frostburg University.

Data, such as weight and length, were recorded to compare them to species from last year. Each student who wanted to participate was given chest waders.

"I thought it was awesome catching these fish and recording the data," Mike Pamepinto, sophomore, said. "When I caught the biggest fish, I felt great even though it made Casey (McBee) mad since he caught the smallest fish. I still had a good time."

Fish and aquatic insects were going to be compared to give an idea of the health of the river.

"I think labs are good; they help you understand because they are hands-on activities," Devon McClive, sophomore, said. "The lab that involved drawing the faces didn't help me learn anything, but it was still fun."

The students in Ms. Diane Marks Biology class were studying genetic inheritance using facial features. The lab they did showed how traits were passed from generation to generation.

The class broke up into groups of two and combined their traits to produce a child that looked like them. They drew a picture of the parents and then a picture of the child.

"This lab helped me understand a little better about genetic inheritance," Katelyne McBee, sophomore, said. "It also gave a break from the normal class work."

Mrs. Sarah Steyer's Chemistry II class did a lab combining a "Gak Splat" demonstration and a Polymers lab. The process objective was to infer chemical properties and to form a hypothesis about the solubility of styrofoam.

"It was a fun lab that gave a break from the usual, strenuous studies," Julie Glotfelty, junior, said.

After completing each of the procedures, they had to record their observations and then answer questions pertaining to the lab.

After completing the experiment, the students should have been able to demonstrate and describe the properties of three polymers: one with no cross-linking, one with temporary cross-linking, and one with permanent cross-linking.

"Our class made a dam in order to find stream velocity," Sam Tuomisto, senior, said. "It didn't really work. Sorry, Mr. Nock!"

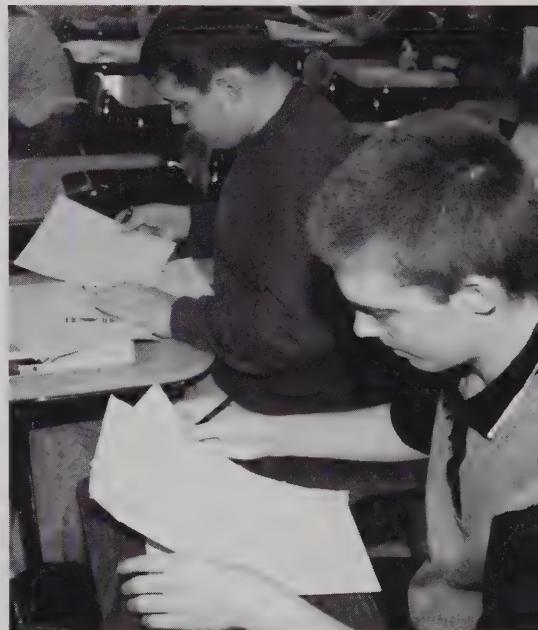
Mr. Monty Nock's ecology class went down to the stream behind the softball field and built a dam. It was a fun way for the students to learn about stream velocity.

"It was fun and was a nice day," Corey Friend, senior, said. "I got messy."



DURING MR. MONTY NOCK'S CLASS, Nick Stonesifer and Corey Friend are working on building a dam. After doing this, the class was going to find the stream velocity.

A LAB IN WHICH THEY ARE BEGINNING to draw their pictures is being worked on by Kane Wengerd and Eben Lynch. By doing this lab, they were learning how traits were passed from generation to generation.



WORKING IN MS. DIANE MARKS' CLASS, Jennifer Durben, Bridget Lucas, and Erin Rush are coloring their lab pictures. After they finished coloring the parents, they had to start on the child who would share many of the parents' traits.

WITH THEIR NETS IN THEIR HANDS and chest waders on, Mr. Bruce Taliaferro's biology students are trying to catch the shocked fish in the Youghiogheny River. "I thought it was cool to get outside to goof off for a period," Andy Wilt, sophomore, said. "It wasn't all goofing off, but it was still fun."



A LAB IN CHEMISTRY II CLASS is the scene as Sean Conroy and Josh Helbig are working together. This class started from where the Chemistry I class left off in the book.

By Stephen Pariseau

Inner Self

Students push toward expression



The lady of the stage, Ms. Jane Avery takes on the hippie look. Ms. Avery was the woman behind the scenes. She prompted, encouraged, and inspired students to open up and explore the advantages of their inner self.

"Theatre is not a normal class, because it encourages the expression of self, even if it seems really strange," Josh Teets, senior, said. "You are encouraged to express yourself with exuberance and creativity. Getting in front of a bunch of people and really cutting loose was expected of us."

The theatre department, headed by Ms. Jane Avery, was an exciting class to participate in.

"Theatre is a great class, because it lets me be my true self," Dave Peterson, senior, said. "I love getting up in front of people acting and singing. Seeing others enjoy what I'm doing gives me a great feeling."

"Theatre is a class steered toward expression," Ms. Avery said. "Theatre allows individuals to express themselves with new ideas and opinions. I do not believe that a student has ever left my class without benefiting in some form."

Theatre class was an important experience. "People have the wrong idea that math, the sciences, and sports are the only areas of importance," Rita Powell, senior, said. "Theatre lets people express themselves and show their talents. Ms. Avery teaches well and allows everyone to open up to new ideas and opinions."

The type of things students learned in theatre class was extremely helpful to presentations and everyday life.

"I believe that the theatre department is one of the greatest assets to our school because of the active learning experience it provides," Kendra Alexander, junior, said. "It combines both individual and physical talents and allows us to express them in an artistic and unique manner. It also gave me some really good experience for projects for the English and social studies departments."

The help that the theatre department gave to its students was overwhelmingly overlooked and underpaid.

"The theatre department is extremely underfunded for what money Ms. Avery gets," Asya Stimak, senior, said. "Ms. Avery makes the class work though, sometimes out of her own pocket."

Ms. Avery, the lady of the house in the department, had two basic comments on the status of the department.

"I do not get a dime from the Board of Education and I do not get a dime from the school. All money coming to the department is from grants and productions. Most of this goes right back into set costs and royalties."

One would think that if the theatre department did so much for students, it would be better funded. Those who realized that the arts were important signed up for theatre class.

"I think drama is an important class," Devon McClive, sophomore, said. "It would be great if everyone could take it. It not only teaches kids to be outgoing and not embarrassed, but it teaches morals and expression of feelings. Each class is like a family."



Sean Baker goes drag during his lead with Alicia Sausman and Anna Marc. This getup was a bit unusual.

Mimicking the words in a lip sync are Regina Mick, Jared Bolden, and Crystal Hinnant. Each member of the group had to lead a lip sync on different days.



Taking the stage, Anna Marc attempts to fly! This dramatic scene was just a common example of the emotion and expression that took place in the theater arts.



Light mime is being performed by Keri Strubin. The light mimes were a comic presentation without the use of words.

Styling her mask, Devon Mc-Clive gives a monologue. Ms. Jane Avery, instructor, required each student to memorize and perform at least one monologue throughout the year.



The entire class sports their face in a picture. This class was a wild bunch!

Relieves stress

Chorus, Stage Band have active year



HELPING OUT BY PLAYING the piano is Mrs. Susan Peterson. The Chorus members are singing at Graduation.

MEMBERS OF BAND ENTERTAIN guests and seniors before the graduation ceremony begins. Mr. Richard Clever was director for both Chorus and Band.



By: Michelle Goralski

The Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Richard Clever, accomplished a lot of things. Sixteen of the Chorus members were seniors.

The group performed at the Oak Grove Church of the Brethren, the Oakland Fresh Air Christmas, the Christmas Concert held at Southern High combining both middle and high school students.

"It's nice to begin the day singing," Melissa Hauser said. "Chorus helps to relieve the stress that sometimes comes during the school day."

The Chorus was invited to perform at the WEPCO Christmas Party held at the Shrine Club in Cumberland MD, and the United Methodist Church in Oakland.

The group closed the season with a spring concert held at Southern and graduation.

"Chorus has been fun the three years that I have been in here," David Deem said. "Chorus is one way that I relieve stress. Mr. Clever is the greatest teacher."

David Peterson qualified for Maryland All State Chorus.

"I love to sing!" Peterson said. "Chorus has opened up lots of possibilities for me like Maryland All State Chorus. I've met lots of cool people through being in Chorus, including many beautiful women."

"This has been one of the best years to date that I have worked with," Mr. Clever said. "There were a total of 82 members between the 2 semesters enrolled in Chorus this year and they have done an excellent job."

By Carrie Filsinger

After all the dust settled and the roar of the crowd stopped, a different kind of crowd appeared. The kind of crowd that sat in an auditorium or gym instead of a stadium.

After Marching Band came to a screeching halt, the band got to sit down for a while and Stage Band began.

"Playing the drums in Stage Band truly allowed me to express myself, both as a musician and a person," David Peterson, senior, said.

Monday night practices were held on a regular basis to help improve sound quality and playing ability.

"Stage band practices were less stressful than marching practices," Mike Rohrbaugh, junior, said. "Although they were more relaxed, we took them serious."

The Stage Band consisted of three musical lines, the sax line, horn line, and rhythm line, each consisting of various instruments.

Many members said that they preferred Stage Band music over that of Concert Music because rock compositions were chosen.

"Stage Band music was a lot better," Alex Hill, freshman, said. "It was faster and we played songs that everyone knew."

The Stage Band played at all the home Boys' Basketball games and a few of the girls' games to pep up the players and the crowd.

"The Stage Band really got us enthused and pumped up before our basketball games," Elizabeth Paesani, junior basketball player, said. "They helped us get ready to kick some butt out on the court."

Even without instruments in hand, the Stage Band members continued to cheer on the players.

The 6th Man Club was formed as a student cheering body. The club was led by junior trumpet player Brandon Peck and his infamous plunger hat.



CHORUS MEMBERS WATCH
and respond to Mr. Richard Clever, director, during graduation. Graduation was held inside due to the threat of rainy weather.



Chorus: **Front row:** Holly Wilson, Angel Solomon, Rachel Farmer, Beth Moon, Josh VanBrunt, Joni Thomas, Tracy Uphold **Row two:** Mr. Richard Clever, director, Shawnda Mayle, Christina Guthrie, Stacy Geroski, Mark Dever,

Mike Deem, Tommy Miller, Jamie Lloyd, Mr. Ben Thorn, assistant **Row three:** Christy Hauser, Terri Crosby, Heather Whitacre, Melissa Hauser, Scott Sines, Pat Minovitz, David Peterson, David Deem, Doug Tasker, Angie Lance **Back row:** Bethany

Smith, Shannon Burnside, Danielle DeWitt, Amanda Brown, Selena Donoghue, Rilene Lloyd, David Shillingburg, Todd Tasker, Joey Collins, Amber Wilson, Cassy Tichinel

Où est moi? Imagine waking up one morning and feeling totally lost...



Soldiers, French and British, look as though they have stopped fighting long enough to take a moment to kiss and make up. The soldiers are none other than Jenny Finkel and Mark Ludwig.

By Mark Ludwig

Imagine walking around and reading signs that said "Arret!" and others that would normally not make much sense to you. You got the impression that you were in another world.

You walked around, constantly asking, "Parlez-vous anglais?" People stared at you and you got confused expressions from faces that were not familiar to you. You were no longer safe at home, you were experiencing Quebec.

During the last part of March, a group of students from Southern and Northern took a week long trip to Quebec, Canada. These students had many new experiences that people would not normally find in America.

"The Quebec trip was fun and also let us use what French we know," Andrew Harvey, junior, said. "I really enjoyed the experience and I hope that I will get a chance to go back sometime in the future."

The group was composed of seven students from Southern and 14 from Northern. They traveled from Garrett County, through Pennsylvania, New York, and across the border into Quebec.

Discotheques lined the streets, ice rinks accompanied the numerous shops, and the cold nights and snow quieted what was a very booming town during the day.

"I really enjoyed the trip because I made some great friends with people from Northern and I also became closer to my friends from Southern," Rita Powell, senior, said. "We had a lot of freedom and were pretty much treated like adults. The bus driver and tour guide were wonderful, too. It was just as fun as France, and I learned a lot – which was the whole point of going."

Things such as visiting old museums, walking through century old cathedrals, and climbing atop gigantic canons filled the days with fun and new experiences.

"Quebec was a great trip that I will remember for a long time," Erin McCleave, junior, said. "I had a lot of fun with the people, the language, and the experience. I hope that I will get a chance to go back sometime."

Many of the students wished as though the trip would have been longer because of all of the sights that they missed.

"Quebec is a beautiful city," Kerry Graybill, senior, said. "I'm glad my good friends went with me to Quebec. It was a great experience for me. I'd really like to go back there sometime in the summer so that I can see the city under the snow."

With anticipation about the whole trip, many students were anxious to get there and see the new country.

"It was like a sequel, 'France II,' only there was a slight change in cast," Matt Waithall, junior, said.

"I feel that Quebec is more a tourist city," Mr. Lowell Leitzel, French instructor, said. "For people that have not experienced a part of Europe, Quebec was a good experience. France gives the students the chance to actually live with a family and go and see the schooling systems. Quebec in itself was a great experience and gives the student a superficial feeling of what France is like. It is also a good chance for the students to use the language that they have been practicing."



Who's that woman in the maid's clothes? It's none other than Derek Berger accompanied by Jenny Finkel. During their stay in Quebec, the students went out to eat dinner at various dinner theaters throughout the trip.



"Le diner est fini." This was what was said during one of the nights that the students got to experience an "animated dinner".



Playing the spoons was something that was a common sight in Quebec. Josh Neubert, Andrew Harvey, Matt Walthall, and Leah Stanton play along with the music that was being played on the stage in front of them.



During a visit to a costume workshop, students got to dress as French and British soldiers for a presentation. Jenny Finkel is being assisted as she tries to take off her outfit.

One of the night activities of the students was a walk on the Plains of Abraham. They strapped on snowshoes and walked around in four feet of snow.



Jenny Finkel and Rita Powell and are having fun with the children. They danced to music playing at the pub with the children as family members watched.

The Big Apple

The trip and the students' behavior are both superb...



Several students get their picture taken by a statue of George Washington. The building was where Washington was inaugurated.

Glad to be off the bus, the students stretch their legs and wait to get into the New York Stock Exchange. Visiting Trinity Church was the second thing they did.

By Marshall Rodeheaver

"From the time we were on the bus to the time we strolled down the streets of Manhattan, every moment was fun and exciting," Andi Bender, sophomore, said. "Our group had the best time together. We all became closer."

Closer indeed. After a eight hour bus ride, the students attending the Art and Economics sponsored trip to New York City were more than ready to get out and stretch their legs.

"At first, New York seemed somewhat disappointing," Crystal Hinnant, sophomore, said. "But, after taking time to see some sights, I fell in love with the city. It was so alive and exciting that I never wanted to leave. I hope to go back and visit soon!"

Some of the sites were the NYSE (New York Stock Exchange), Empire State Building, Macy's, Time Square, and Trinity Church.

"I had a lot of fun going to New York," Autumn Williams, sophomore, said. "I got to see a lot of different and interesting places. I really like the Statue of Liberty and going up 352 steps."

Jimmy Brown, senior, agreed when he said "Coming to New York, the sights were not too glamorous. Once we began visiting the monuments, Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, and the such, New York became beautiful. The people were remarkably polite and the food was excellent. This trip provided an experience on which I may build a well-cultured and understanding life."

The students were often rushed to get to their next appointment.

"I loved New York and I hope I can come back very soon!" Nicole Frazee, sophomore, said. "I only wish we would've had more time, because there was too much to see in the short time we were there."

Fortunately for the 12 chaperones, the students were well behaved and no one got lost.

"The trip to New York City was enjoyable," Mr. Fred Pratt, chaperone, said. "The students were superb. It was great sharing their new experience in the Big Apple. I was proud of their behavior and the respect that they showed each other. Teachers are more willing to plan activities if students cooperate like these students."





Chad Lovett and Emily Nemith attempt to be seen in the same picture as the New York Stock Exchange after arriving in New York City.



Taking time out of their busy schedule to get a group picture, the students pose in front of the Museum of Modern Art. The Museum was the last attraction they saw before leaving for home.

After leaving the Statue of Liberty, the students are still mesmerized by it, all except for Paul Tepper who is gull gazing. The students went to the Museum of Modern Art after reaching solid ground.



Everyone takes a quick break after visiting Lady Liberty. Being late already, they couldn't stop at Ellis Island.



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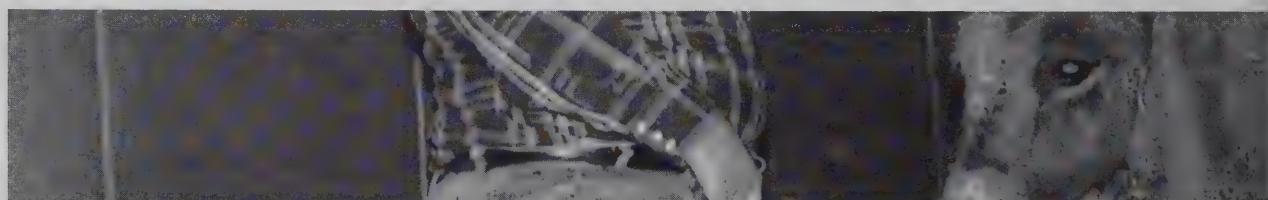
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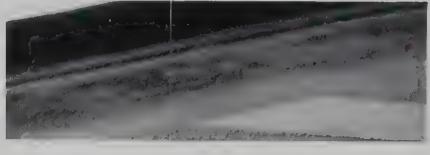
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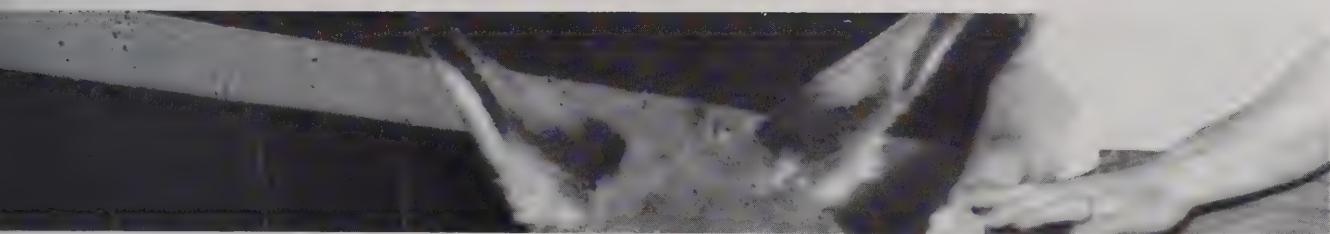


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By Desiree Spady

A great experience

Many awards won by VICA at 'States'



Second Place: Opening and Closing Team consisting of: Anna Marc, Emily Nemith, Maggie Suess, Amy Suess, Kandice Shomo, Amanda Mountain, Nathan Rickman

Second Place: Opening and Closing Team: Kandice Shomo, Amanda Mountain, Emily Nemith and Nathan Rickman

"VICA was a great experience for me," Amy Suess, freshman, said. "I'm definitely going to be in it next year."

VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) accomplished a lot. Everybody in VICA had a lot of skills.

Over the year these were the awards that everybody received.

The person who received first place was Mike Rohrbaugh in Safety.

The people who received second were Emily Nemith, Amy Suess, Nathan Rickman, Maggie Suess, Amanda Mountain, Kandice Shomo, and Anna Marc in Maryland Opening and Closing.

George Tichnell, Corey Friend, Matt Paugh, Ryan Fike, and Pat Foreman won in the Quiz Bowl.

Those who received third were Harland Sharpless in Cabinet making; Toni Lewis in Action Skills; Keith Hebb in Carpentry; and Kevin Tasker in Auto Mechanics. Paul Friend placed in Auto Competitor.

"I had a lot of fun on the trip to states and there are a lot of good people in VICA," Corey Friend, senior, said.

Mike Rohrbaugh's Safety Notebook placed first and went to Kansas to compete for the National Recognition.

"Calvert County is unfair, but other than that it was a lot of fun!" Nathan Rickman, senior, said.

All of the students that were in VICA received many skills. They can use these skills after they graduate.





First Place: Occupational Health and Safety: Mike Rohrbaugh



Third Place: Electronics Product Servicing: James Steyer



Third Place: Cabinetmaking: Harland Sharpless



Third Place: Auto Service Technology: Kevin Tasker



First Place: Home Improvement: David Schoch

Second Place: Quiz Bowl Team of: Matt A. Paugh, Ryan Fike, Pat Foreman, Corey Friend, and George Tichnell

By Carrie Filsinger

Rigorous competition

With fields of snow, girls move inside



BEFORE THEIR PERFORMANCE at the Talent Show, Whitney Myers and Tommi Jackson await the go ahead to begin their show. Many members commented on the anxiety felt prior to performing.

Sitting on boxes: Carrie Carpenter, Jennie Grant, Whitney Myers **Standing:** Beth Moon, Anna Snyder, Cassie Kauffmann, Sara Sinzell, Bethany Savage, Amanda Mountain (co-captain), Tommi Jackson, Abby Nichols (co-captain), Kristin Warnick, Krissy Hinebaugh.

With the marching field snowed over during the winter months, the Colorguard moved inside to begin practicing for another rigorous competition, Winterguard season.

The Garrett Girls, which for the first time since the name change was comprised only of girls from Southern, practiced vigorously for weeks in order to be ready for their first competition on March 2.

"Winterguard practice was very hard, but winning all the competitions made all the time we gave up worth it," Tommi Jackson, freshman, said.

The members had different levels of talent when practice began. Their talent ranged from years of experience to first time rookies.

Out of the 15 members that comprised Winterguard, only seven were members of the Colorguard. The other eight played musical instruments during the marching season.

"Going from the flute in marching band to a silk in Winterguard was a lot of hard work because when we march, everything is strict and defined, but in Winterguard everything has to flow together," Cassie Kauffmann, freshman, said.

Instructors Mr. Blair Glass and Mrs. Tina Harvey, whom was new to the program, had great technical ability that enabled them to perfect the skills of older members and teach the basics to the new ones.

Co-captains Abby Nichols and Amanda Mountain used their talent and leadership ability to lead the group to numerous awards, including a Chapter Championship.

"Being a captain in Winterguard for the past two years was a great privilege and honor," Amanda Mountain, senior, said. "I got to work with great kids and a wonderful staff."

The show centered around a 70's motif. Various dance routines and guard work were performed to the songs of Nancy Sinatra.

The musical selections for the show included "These Boots were Made for Walking" and "High-heeled Sneakers."

"The music was weird, but it served the purpose," Kristin Warnick, junior, said. "Our costumes seemed to be really loud, but they fit the show well."





FLEXING THE FORM FORWARD, Whitney Myers strides toward the front of the mat. Concentrating on a guard routine made it hard to keep the forms.



THE GARRETT GIRLS, including Jennie Grant, Abby Nichols, and Beth Moon, begin their show. When the music sounded, the girls began dancing.



WINTERGUARD MEMBERS, such as Jennie Grant and Carrie Carpenter who stride forward at the beginning of their show, have to count their steps in order to be in the correct place at the right time.



THE MUSIC OF NANCY SINATRA provides Sara Sincell a dance routine. The girls in the rifle/saber line periodically got rid of all equipment in order to do the dance.



COMPLETING HER SABER ROUTINE, Anna Snyder continues to follow the leader off the mat and behind the curtain. The curtains were used to hide equipment as well as help with the visual affects.

THE SHOW INCLUDED many difficult tosses that took hours to perfect, such as when Kristin Warnick catches her silk after a successful toss.

Lawyers, witnesses

A learning experience



WHILE TERRY CROSBY and Brian Aronhalt wait for the case to begin, Mr. Matt Novak is meeting Northern's coach.

JAMES STEYER IS HAPPY to meet the members of the other team.



WHILE JAMES STEYER SITS and watches, Josh Sines shaking hands with opposing team members from Northern. Mock Trial team members had a lot of fun always meeting new people.



"This year we had a very young and inexperienced team as our zero and nine record indicates, but we learned a lot and had fun doing it," Matt Novak, coach said.

Although the Mock Trial team had a disappointing score, the team never lost faith in their potential.

"Mock Trial was basically a true learning experience," Paul Liller, freshman, said. "We all came out of this with a basic knowledge of how our court systems work. Playing roles of lawyers and witnesses really gave us an understanding of what it is like to twist things around to benefit us. I really think that we will try to pass our experience to others."

The purpose of Mock Trial was to learn how to organize and present ideas in a logical manner. To learn this they competed with other schools to argue a case in a court of law. The cases were argued in real courts in front of real judges. Students won or lost not only on whether or not they could prove the case, but how well they argued it.

"Mock Trial gives students a unique insight to the judicial system," Terri Crosby, sophomore, said. "It helps us to understand how the legal system really works."

For some people, this was the last Mock Trial of their high school career.

"I was in Mock Trial for three years," Hope Louden, senior, said. "It had been a real learning experience. We had fun trips and all in all I will miss everyone truly."



AT THE COURT HOUSE, Josh Sines and Paul Liller prepare for another tough case. "Mock Trial is basically a true learning experience," Paul said.

BEFORE THE CASE BEGINS at the Court House, James Steyer, Josh Sines, and Paul Liller discuss the case. The Mock Trial team has to discuss each case very thoroughly to be prepared for their upcoming trial.



BEFORE TAKING THE BENCH at the District Court in Oakland, Terry Crosby is being sworn in. "Mock Trial helps us to understand how the legal system really works," Terry said.

Front row: Amber Crites, Paul Liller, Cassy Tichnell, Misty Serrano, Terry Crosby, Josh Sines

Back row: D.J. Dimick, Brian Aronhalt, Mr. Matt Novak, James Steyer

Keeping grades up

Improving the school and community

By Mariah McBee

"With our car wash, Operation Santa Claus, and our ingenious induction ceremony, National Honor Society has worked together to improve our school and community," Melanie Cook, senior, said. "I hope the society continues with its role at SHS."

There were 26 graduating members of the National Honor Society. The officers were Sarah Fike, president; Lauren Newcomb, vice president; Jennifer Barnard, secretary/treasurer; and Matt Sincell, historian.

During the induction ceremony, the senior members inducted 26 juniors into the society. After the ceremony, there were drinks and snacks for all the members and their parents.

"Being in NHS is a challenge because I have to keep my grades up," Donnelle Dick, junior, said. "It's a great privilege to be part of."

Donnelle, along with a few other members, helped out at graduation by being an usher.

The two page girls (top two girls so far in the junior class) were Brittney Decker and Julie Glotfely. They got the privilege of walking the seniors out and seating them.

There has been a car wash the last two years with the benefits going toward AIDS education.

A few of the members volunteered to assist with the Rotary Club's Operation Santa Claus. These seniors have also been involved with peer tutoring.

"National Honor Society does a lot of good things within the community," Brittney Decker, junior, said. "I am proud to be a member of it."



VOLUNTEERING TO HELP out at graduation, Donnelle Dick and Sara Sincell take a short break to talk to each other. They were in charge of handing out programs and ushering the visitors to some seats.

PRIOR TO GRADUATION, Principal Mrs. Lynn Bell talks with Jimmy Brown. For graduation, the honor society members all had the privilege of wearing what Jimmy has on a stohl indicating that he is part of the society.



AFTER SEATING THE SENIORS at graduation, Brittney Decker and Julie Glotfely are walking back. They had to get out of school for graduation practice and afterward said that it was a long and unorganized day.





TALKING JUST BEFORE WALKING the seniors out to seat them at graduation are Julie Glotfelter and Brittney Decker. So far, they were the top two girls in the junior class and therefore were picked to be the page girls.

ENJOYING THE REFRESHMENTS after the induction ceremony are Carrie Filsinger, Jennifer Reckart, and Jackie Stanley. On this day, the senior members inducted 26 new juniors into the society.



Front row: Melanie Cook, Jennifer Barnard, Meghan Dabney, Sarah Fike, Tracy Upole, Terri Holtschneider, Nathan Rickman **Row two:** Rita Powell, Megan Redinger, Lauren Newcomb, Sindy Niner, Joy Sisler, Pat Forman **Row three:** Janice Plauger, Jenny Finkel, Matt Sincell, Matt Paugh, Josh Teets, Adilka Fernandez, Tim Jeffreys **Back row:** Jimmy Brown, Adam Chorpening, Scott Sines



Front row: Brandon Ferguson, Jason Bernard, Dan Sincell, Karlo Gesner, Steve Parisneau, Andrew Granke, Steven Allison, Billo Bhatnagar **Back row:** Lindsay Garris, Sara Sincell, Mariah McBee, Meredith Martin, Liz Paesani, Marni Sweitzer, Jennifer Reckart, Alison Rudy, Rachel Farmer, Carrie Filsinger, Jackie Stanley, Donnelle Dick, Julie Glotfelter, Erin Shaffer, Stacy Lewis, Bethany Smith, Brittney Decker, Susie Mosser

Better than 4-H

FFA busy all year with activities



THE STATE HORSE JUDGING
Contest sees Diana Mayfield, Erica Stahl, and Jennifer Reckart getting ready. The contest was held at Linganore High School near Frederick.

Front row: Jennifer Barnard, Susan Mayfield, Alicia DeWitt, Diana Mayfield, Holly Wilson, Erica Stahl, Jennifer Reckart
Row two: Amanda Gregory, Nicole Kitzmiller, Michelle McCartney, Marshall Neel, Dawn Lohr, Kevin Beeman, Ronald Chapman, George Beckman, John Corby, Jody Upole, Erica Moats, Terry Broadwater
Back row: TJ Riley, Steve Kisner, Shad Green, Aaron Cline, Bobby Schmidt, Bruce Warsaw, Taylor Sines



WORKING IN THE GREEN HOUSE, Sarah Jonson and Hope Louden are watering plants for sales.



By Jessica Baker

The FFA group made several different trips for competitions. One of the biggest trips made was in November to Kansas City.

"One the most memorable experiences was the Kansas City trip this past November," Jennifer Barnard, senior, said. "There were over 40,000 people there, so it was a huge convention."

There were other trips which included the Maryland State Fair.

"Our very first trip was to the Maryland State Fair for poultry, which was a nice trip," Michelle McCartney, sophomore, said. "Everyone was very nice and I got to sleep in a bed."

"I've been in FFA since my freshman year, and it's been a lot of fun," Terry Broadwater, senior, said. "It's better than 4-H because there are more activities, like going to the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg."

FFA had fund-raisers, such as an apple butter sale and a donkey basketball game, which attracted around 1,000 people.

"I had fun during what little time I was in the game," Terry said. "I was kicked off after 10 feet and wish I could have stayed on longer."

Members had to take part in several public speaking events. Many thought it made them more outgoing.

"I enjoyed FFA this year because it built up more leadership skills before I joined," Diana Mayfield, freshman, said. "Public speaking is one example of this."

"FFA made me a more outgoing person because of Mr. (Steve) Kisner's persuasion making me more active in the position I held," Erica Stahl, senior, said.



WITH HIS HEAD LOWERED, the donkey knows how to get Aaron Baker off of him. The FFA members played the Deer Park firemen to a capacity crowd of around 1,000 people.



THEIR SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) project has Wayne Mayfield and Susan Mayfield cleaning their market hogs. These hogs were judged and sold at the fair.



THE SWANTON COMMUNITY CENTER is the scene for the Fall Orientation picnic. Jennifer Barnard, Susan Mayfield, and Alicia DeWitt are having fun working with the new FFA members.



THE SMALL ENGINE AND TURF CLASS finds Harland Sharpless, Aaron Cline, and David Schoch working in preparing an engine for a motorcycle.



THE GARRETT COUNTY FAIR finds Susan Mayfield sitting on her show box in front her Market Steers, which is a SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) project.

PULLING THE DONKEY seems to be the easiest thing for George Beckman to do. Terry Broadwater said, "I was kicked off after 10 feet and wish I could have stayed on longer."

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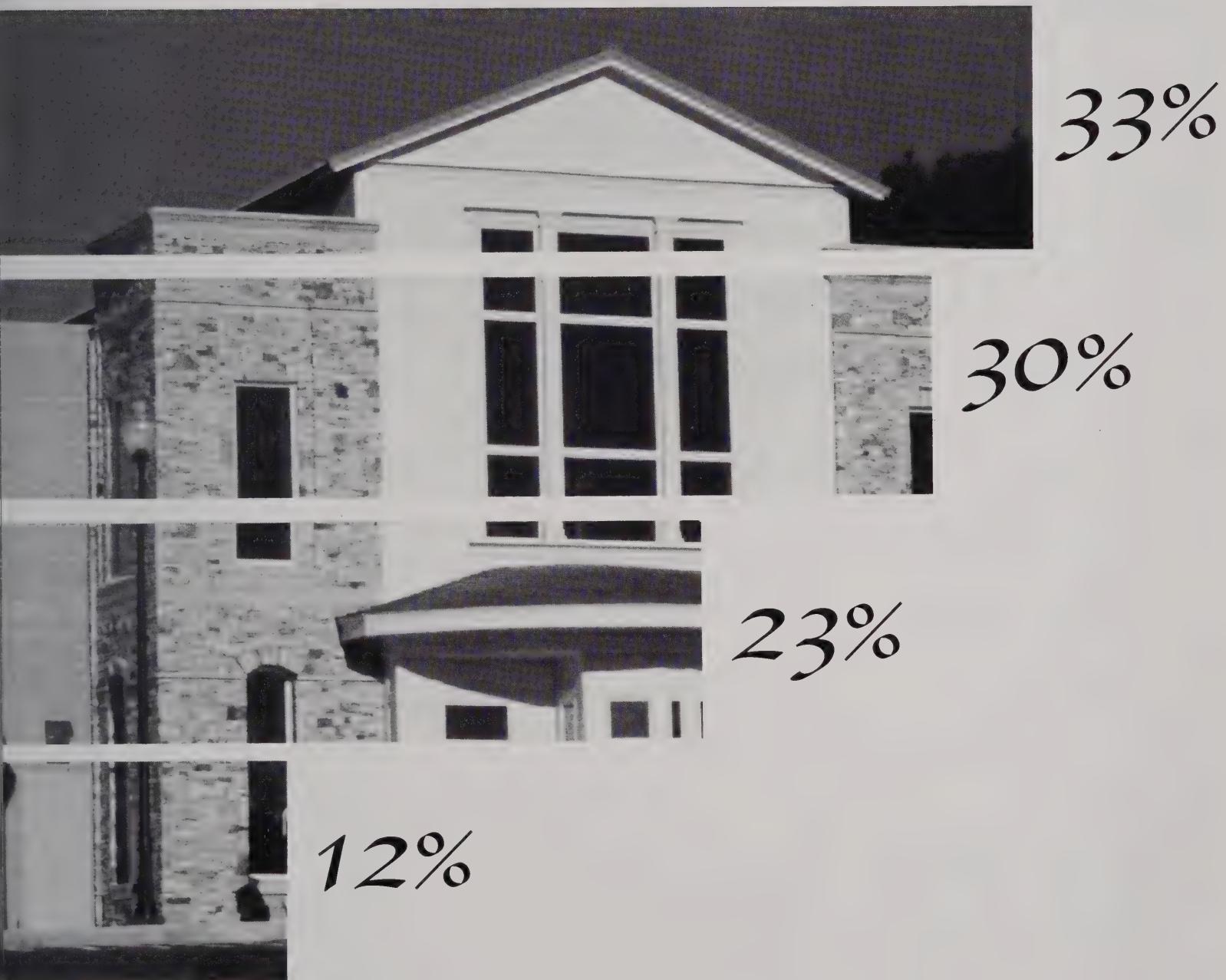
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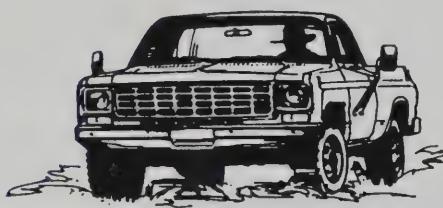
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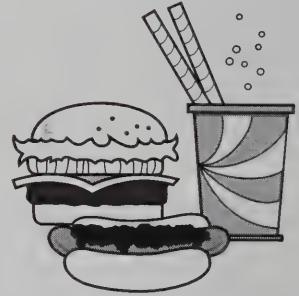
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Turning 18 – according to Nick Dudok

"Turning 18 is the coolest. I have waited 18 years to be this old and now I'm 18. Eighteen is better than 16, but not as good as 21, and now that I am 18, I can do stuff. I don't know what kind of stuff but I know there is stuff I can do. Plus being 18, you can relate to things that have 18 in them, such as one and a half dozen has 18 in it or Route 18 is some where in the U.S. But it's 18 just like me."

A big deal: turning 18

"I can't wait until I turn 18 so I can move out of my house and get away from my mom, so she can't follow me around all the time," Desiree Spady, sophomore said.

This was a popular saying that most teenagers said about being 18. Being 18 has been a big deal because it was the age you're considered to be an adult and you get more responsibility, like voting.

"I don't like being 18 because you have to go to jail," Joey Snell, junior said.

Turning 18 could be fun, but if you were still in school, it might not make as much difference as someone who was out of school.

"There wasn't much difference because I

was still going to be a senior and still going to go to school everyday," Matt Ruff, senior said. "It's just made me more responsible in the eyes of the law."

Another thing that came with being 18 were all the responsibilities. You had to find and keep a job if you were planning to move out of your house and if you did, you needed to find a place to live and have enough money to pay your expenses, unless your parents lent you money.

Being 18 had its benefits, but it also had some disadvantages. Being on your own could be cool, but there were a lot of different responsibilities you were going to have.

• By: Sara Thomas

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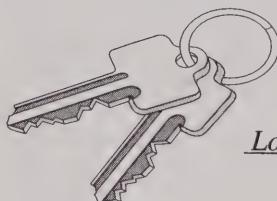
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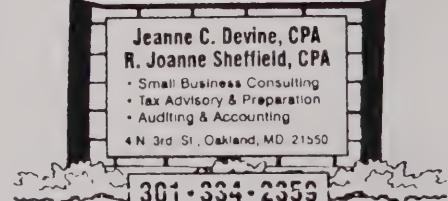


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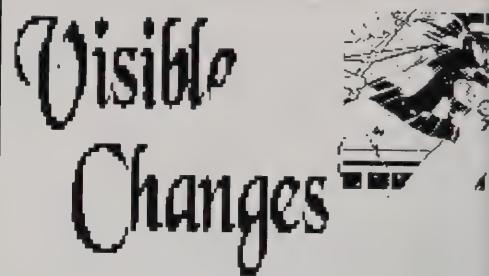
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"[Pez is] a tremendously wonderful thing!" Devon McClive, sophomore, said. "I wish I could live off of it."

The PEZ genie has granted Devon's wish and she will consume only PEZ from

now until death... Wasn't there an old saying about watching what you wish for?

"I don't eat 'em," Jody Bowser, sophomore said. The PEZ society's main goal for now was to enlighten Miss Bowser. Someone please feed this fallen angel some PEZ.

"PEZ is a godsent," Erin Wampler, junior, said. "I bet heaven will have PEZ-paved streets and PEZ vendors in the lobby of every marble alabaster hotel."

"I'm going to marry a PEZ dispenser..." James Ellsworth Brown, III, said. "I bet my children will look odd, though."

Sometimes the addiction to PEZ was a bit extreme, sometimes deadly, said the author as he died.

• By: Jasha Teets

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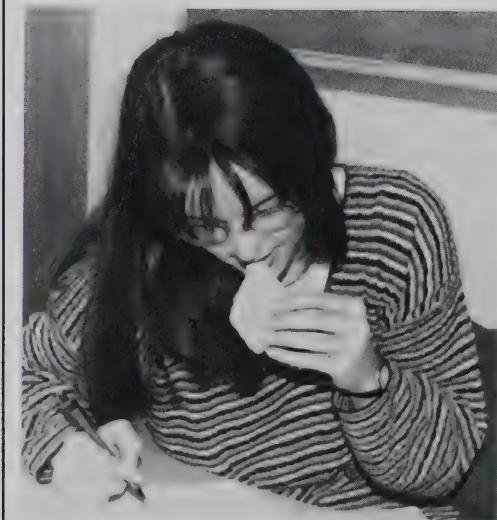
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WITH A DISPENSER IN HER RIGHT HAND, Mrs. Sarah Steyer uses her left hand to taste a Pez. "I'm going to marry a PEZ dispenser..." Jimmy Brown said. "I bet my children will look odd, though."

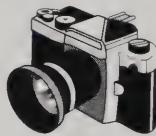
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George White (senior) – "A Granola Bar."

Daniel Sincell (junior) – "I eat a lot of cereal and toast for breakfast. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It gives you the energy to make it through the day."

Jasha Teets (senior) – "I'm coo-ko for *Cocoa Puffs*!"

Jody Bowser (sophomore) – "I usually have toast and tea."

Jay Ferguson (senior) – "I follow my nose every morning to the fruity box of *Fruit Loops*."

Rita Powell (senior) – "Toast-Em's, chocolate chip cookies and milk or *Frosted Flakes*, they're grrrrreat!"

Katelyne McBee (sophomore) – "Strawberry Nutri-Grain bar."

Jackie Mayle (junior) – "Toast or *English Muffins*."

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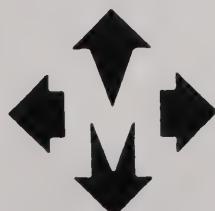
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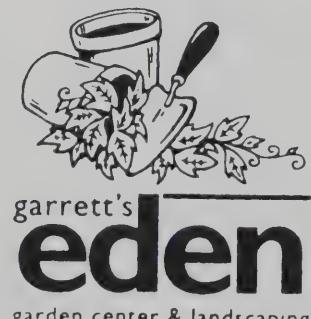
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Would it have been bad to have a twin brother or sister in the same grade with you?

"I don't like being in the same grade with Katelyne because our grades always get compared," Casey McBee, sophomore, said.

Some of the responses from the twins were negative, however, there were a few positive responses.

"It's great having my bro (Aaron) eating the rest of my lunch and stealing my socks during school," Lauren Newcomb, senior, said. "Our red stroller (*Tracker*) keeps us

moving stride by stride. The psychological power I receive from Aaron gives me strength to live though the day."

Even though identical twins looked alike, many had different personalities and were interested in different things.

Chris Bittinger, junior, liked to be outdoors in the woods with nature while twin Mike liked to play sports: cross country, basketball, and baseball.

"I don't like going to school with Chris because a lot of people still get us mixed up even though we don't act alike," Mike said.

• By: Katelyne McBee



CLOWNING AROUND AS USUAL, twins Lauren and Aaron Newcomb pose for this article. "The psychological power I receive from Aaron gives me strength to live though the day," Lauren said.

As they work hard in the sun, Sam Sisler and Charles O'Brien help build a new entrance to the gym. This project was completed by Mr. Loren Bowser's carpentry class.

With a toss, Mr. David Beard unpacks frozen french fries for the Lion's Club booth at the athletic field. Students weren't the only ones who had been doing their part for the community.

As they do their part for the community, Joel Uphold and Kenny Meyers record stats at a basketball game. Students could do this as a volunteer service for the Basketball Service Club.



Demonstrating the snowplow, Aaron Mountain teaches a blind person to ski. "Being a blind skier guide is a great experience. You get to meet new people and you know you're doing something to help someone else."



With a smile on her face, Miss Beth Johnston converses with Saretha Park and Chrissy Green. Miss Johnston was available to anyone for answers to questions about Service Learning.



'Community service is good and bad. For me, however, it

was easy because I do it already so it was no inconvenience'

Anna Marc

As a service to the Oak Park Church of the Brethren, Jimmy Gallagher works the sound system during the morning worship services. Learning this trade from his dad, Jimmy had the ability to make hearing easier.



Doing good deeds is not a normality, but occasionally some students find the time to help. Rachel Farmer, Krissy Hinebaugh and Jackie Mayle find time to lend a hand to properly dispose of old Christmas trees.

Getting a start on college! Eliza Covello attends the Mt. Top Expo and talked with Mr. Lowell Leitzel about future opportunities.



Involvement in the community

By Brittney Decker

"I don't like community service," Sam Tuomisto, senior, said. "I mean it when I say I don't like it. But seriously, I don't like it."

Although a lot of people felt that Community Service Learning was a pointless waste of time, it did prove to get students more involved in the community.

"Community Service is good and bad," Anna Marc, senior, said. "For me, however, it was easy because I do it (Community Service) already so it was no inconvenience."

The activities that students did for Service Learning hours varied from volunteering for the rescue squad to serving turkey dinners.

"I believe Service Learning is a good idea," Elizabeth Sines, senior, said. "It teaches respect for the real world."

Elizabeth was a representative of Garrett County for the Service Star Recognition Award. She completed over 300 Community Service hours. Elizabeth felt that Service Learning helped students decide what they would like to do in their future.

"For me, community service wasn't hard to get accomplished," Jesse Ashby, senior, said.

Although the term Community Service Hours was commonly used with the word "volunteer," many students claimed that they were not volunteer hours at all since their completion was a requirement for

graduation.

"They shouldn't make people do it (Service Learning) if they have really busy lives such as sports, academics, and a social life," Jesse said.

While some people were very unwilling to do Service Learning, there were those who enjoyed helping others and who completed hours beyond the required 40.

"For my Community Service hours, I work a lot with the Oakland Rotary Club," Joshua Sines, freshman, said. "We work at the fair in the French Fry booth to raise money for 'Operation Santa Claus.'"

Joshua said it helped many needy families in Garrett County. Sometimes he even assisted in delivering the packages to the families he helped.

"Anyone who buys fries at the fair helps the needy families of Garrett County," Josh said.

Service Learning was a topic about which students had many different opinions. Some people despised them and others made the best of them and had fun.

"Community Service is something I would do even if I didn't have to," Elizabeth said. "I've been doing it every summer since the sixth grade. For me, it is fun. I've always liked to help people and the activities I am involved in help the lives of 200 to 300 families in Garrett County."

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What did you do with your spare time with your friends? "There's nothing to do in Garrett County!" was too often heard.

Going to friends' houses was the most popular thing to do. This might have been caused by the lack of other options.

"I usually play basketball with my friends," Mike Bittinger, junior, said.

Others entertained themselves with movies or watching a favorite TV show.

"I go to my friends' houses and watch TV," Andrew Sisler, freshman, said.

Playing cards or just sitting around, listening to music and talking was done by most teens.

Friends enjoyed going to ball games to-

gether or meeting up at the game. Basketball and football were highly social events to attend.

"In my spare time my friends and I enjoy hanging out on my porch, going to ball games, and on weekends we usually go down to the Lake," Mike Dehus, sophomore, said.

Hanging out at Deep Creek Lake had many possibilities. *The Fort* was popular for games and seeing friends. The slopes of the *Wisp* were usually filled as well as the lodge.

"We usually do different things like go to the mall, go to the Lake, and just hang out at each others' houses," Mariah McBee, junior, said.

• By: Jody Bowser

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"When people dress differently, they're just expressing their individuality," Megan Mou, junior, said.

Take a walk down the hall, what could be seen?

One person dressed in jeans and a T-shirt; another in their Sunday best.

There might be someone else dressed in layers, chains, and jeans that hang down to his knees. These were just a few examples of the diverse ways in which kids dressed today.

"I think dressing different is cool because not everyone is alike," Katelyne McBee, sophomore, said.

Some people wore clothing that was completely in sync — everything matched. Then there were others who

wore stripes, polka dots, and flowers all in the same outfit.

Most people seemed to think that clothing was a way of expressing one's individuality. The styles that people wore reflected their personalities.

"If everybody wore the same kinds of clothes, school would be boring," Erin Ball, junior, said.

In some schools, there were certain dress codes that made it mandatory for students to wear uniforms. Imagine walking around the halls and seeing everyone wearing the same thing.

"If we had to wear uniforms, we wouldn't be able to let our different personalities shine through in what we wear," Rachel Farmer, junior, said.

• By: Brittney Decker



WHILE MARSHALL RODEHEAVER ADJUSTS her sandal, Amy Snyder shows off her bell bottoms. Most people seemed to think that clothing was a way of expressing one's individuality. The styles that people wore reflected their personalities.



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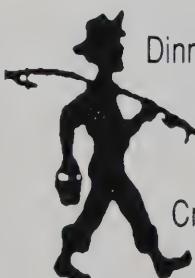
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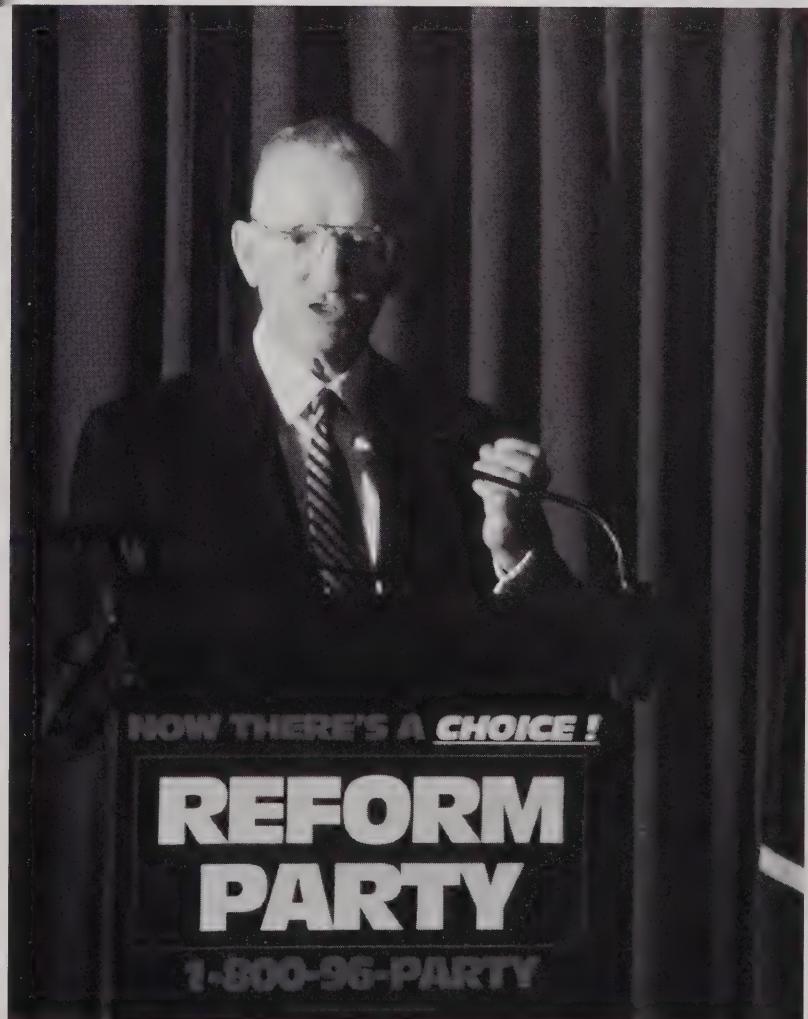
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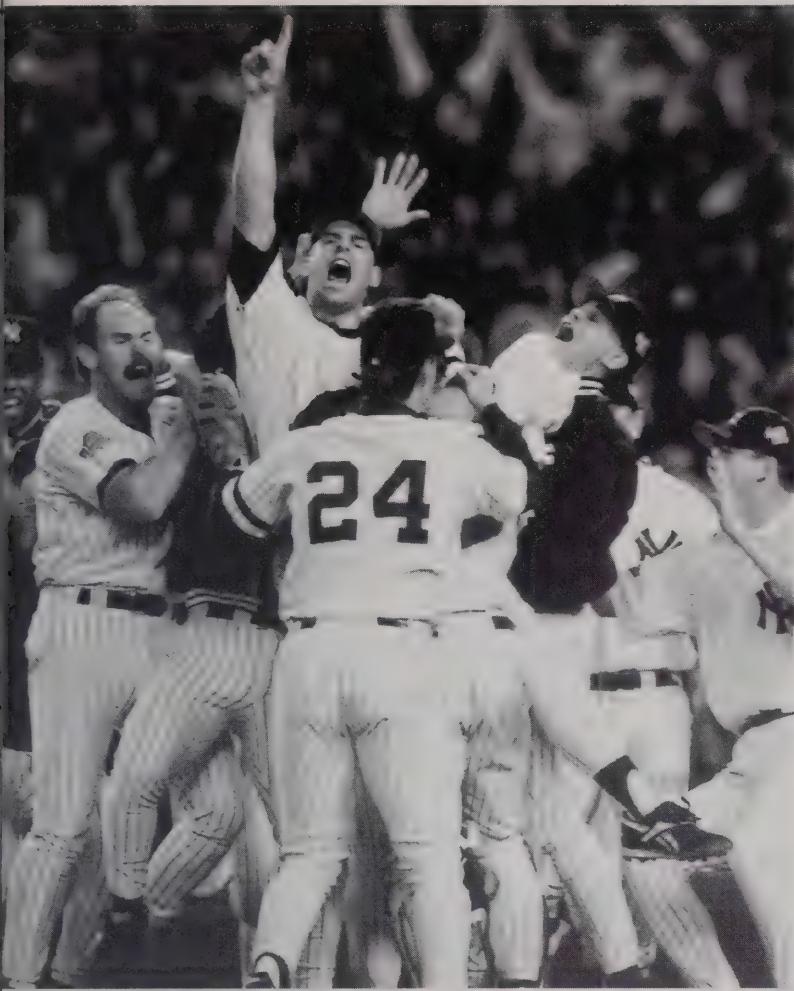
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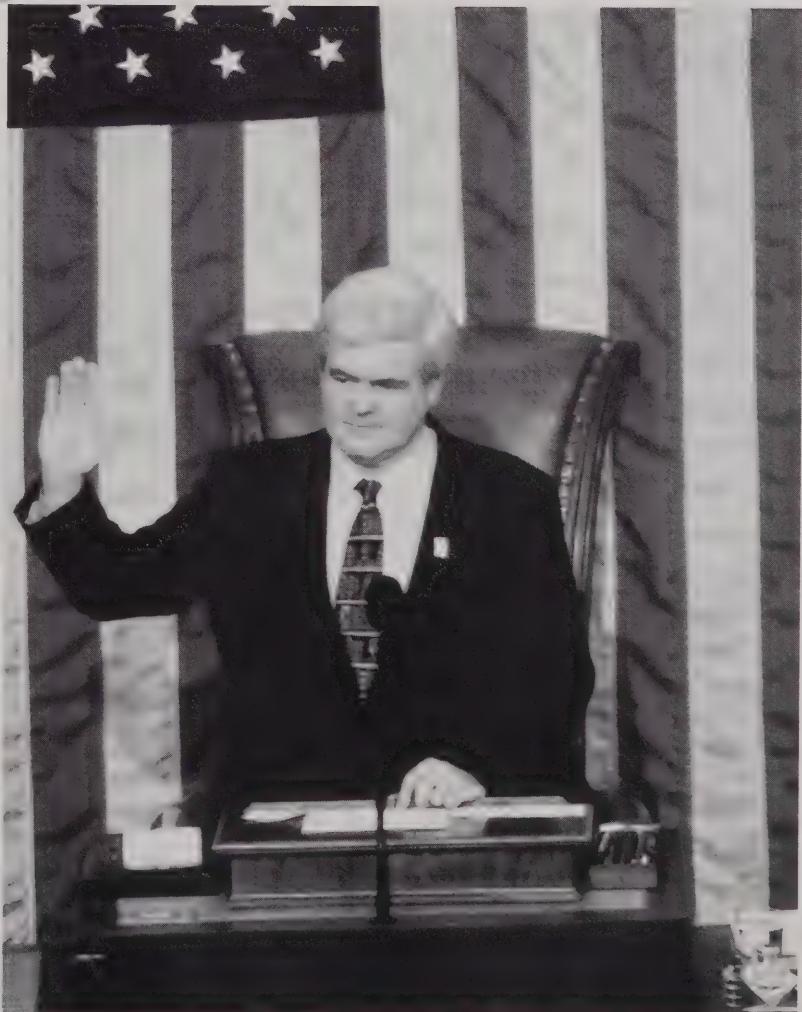
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William Jefferson Clinton began his second term in January, 1997, as the 42nd President of the United States. He placed his left hand on a family Bible held by his wife, Hillary, and took the 35-word oath of office administered by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who wished him "Good luck." Daughter Chelsea looks on.

For the first time in its history, the House of Representatives voted to reprimand and fine its speaker for bringing discredit on the House. The House Ethics Committee ruled that House Speaker **Newt Gingrich** was involved in using tax-exempt foundation money for his political ends.



A R&B pop singer named **Toni Braxton** hit the charts about three years ago and hasn't left. Her latest hit album, "Secrets," blends her rich, smooth voice with a versatility that continues to grow with each new hit. "Secrets" had the firepower to carry Toni to the top.



Tracy Chapman was back on the charts with her latest album "New Beginning." As one critic wrote: "One thing Tracy Chapman has inevitable gained over the years is polish. This new album is simply and impeccable orchestrated, tightly and urbanely played. The songs are adorned with soft jazz accoutrements."

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"The Woman In Me" was **Shania Twain's** biggest hit album of the year. It was the second album released by the Canadian singer, but it was by far the biggest hit. It went platinum and stayed on the Billboard Top 200 for more than a year. She won the new country artist of the year award at the American music awards show. As one critic said: "Shania has changed the face of country music for women everywhere."

Months after **TWA Flight 800** exploded in midair in the summer of 1996, investigators were still searching for a cause. The Boeing 747 jumbo jet plunged into the Atlantic ocean off the coast of Long Island, NY, just minutes after taking off from Kennedy Airport for Paris. All 230 people on board were killed. The theories ranged from a mechanical failure to a bomb, from an exploded fuel tank to a missile. No cause was pinpointed a year later.



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Alanis Morissette has talent that seems to know no limit. Her debut album, "Jagged Little Pill," attracted considerable attention thanks to the hit single "You Oughta Know," a fiery, graphic rant at a former boyfriend. Morissette delivers the deeply personal lyrics with a dramatic voice and a dynamic rhythm. As one critic put it: "She lashes out at her targets with a fury that makes her music both invigorating and frightening."



George Strait began recording hit songs 25 years ago. He's still at it. Every one of his more than 20 albums for MCA records went at least gold and his total sales are now about 30 million albums. His latest hit, "Blue Clear Sky," is well on its way to gold sales. As one critic said: "Blue Clear Sky carried on the tradition of excellence in country music with a collection of performances that continue to make George Strait the definition of country music."



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School Year

First student day: August 26, 1996

Last student day: June 5, 1997

Graduation: June 2, 1997

Days missed:

12-9 Snow
12-20 Snow
1-9 Ice
1-17 Snow, cold
2-4 Ice

Delays:

2 hour: 12-6 Snow
1 hour: 2-14 Ice
2 hour: 3-19 Ice

Early dismissals:

Noon: 9-6 Hurricane Fran – heavy rain
1:00: 1-16 – Snow
12:30: 1-24 – Ice
1:00: 3-3 – Ice

Missed five days:

Used M.L. King Day and Presidents Day as makeup days

Official snow total: by Webers
75 inches

Congratulations

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You made it!
We are all
proud of you
and wish you
the best.



Erica Johnson

Love,
Mom, Mom-Beth
and Grandaddy



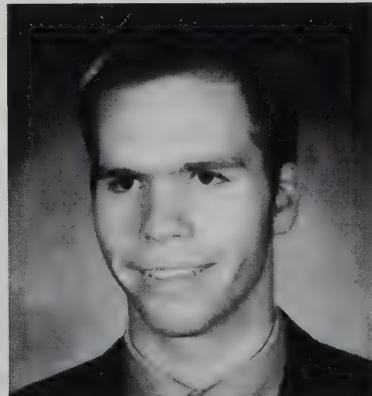
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We love you,
Mom and Dad

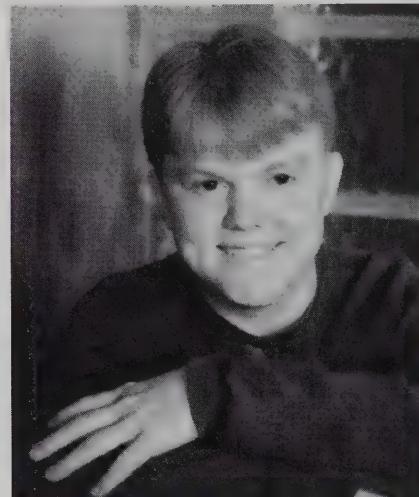
Matthew –
We are very
proud of you now
and at all times.

Love
Mom, Larry and
Jonathan



Matthew Ruff

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Mom and Dad



Dan Schroyer

Daniel –

You have made us proud.
Good luck on the road to an
art career in which we know
you will excel.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Jason
Grandpap, Grandma,
& Aunt Rita



Daniel Huber

Mariah Carey was only a teenager when a Columbia record executive heard her demo tape and signed her up. Her first album soared to the No. 2 spot and the rest is history. It's been solid gold ever since. When Mariah performs, her voice takes command over the large band and battalion of background singers. Her latest album "Daydream" hit the No. 1 position on the charts.

Sixteen-year-old **Chelsea Clinton** hit the campaign trail with her father, the President of the United States. She did not play an active role in the presidential campaign, but all of her limited appearances were great successes. She tried to keep a quiet private life. But it was tough. She attended a private school in Washington, DC, and her constant Secret Service escort did not leave much freedom for parties and dances.



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A large bouncing beach ball keeps Naomi Stoner's attention. The wind made it somewhat hard to keep the ball in the designated area.



A race that featured putting one's head on a ball bat finds Keri Strubin going in circles. Students had to run around the bat so many times before returning for the next player to go.

A swimming pool filled with Jell-O finds Jason Upole, Megan Bowers, and Charlie Nolan trying to throw Paul Liller in. Paul went in and made a sticky mess of himself.



MROP featured a dance the evening school was out. Ben Barnard is playing the drums as students dance the night and their cares away.

"Sure, I'll take the free prize," Diane Donham says to Mr. Nick Drobac. Prizes were given away during the dance the evening of MROP.





All that's left is the shadows

With only five days missed due to snow, and with Martin Luther King Day and Presidents Day used as makeup days, the year came to a rather early end on June 5.

The sophomore class officers and advisers decided on a unique way to end the school year - have a MORP party.

MORP was a younger version of prom (hint - spell prom backwards = MORP).

Various outdoor activities were held on the field inside the track.

That evening saw a dance in the cafeteria featuring local bands.



MORP – the final act before summer

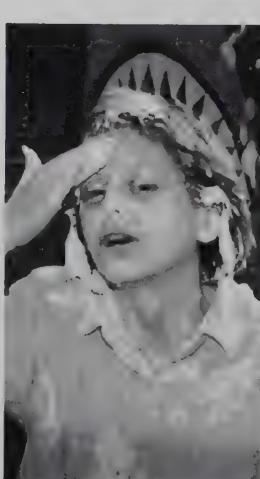


At the MORP after school party, Principal Lynn Bell is asking for a whipped cream pie in the face and as can be seen, many students cooperate with her. She finally gives Jimmy Gallagher a hug to try to wipe off some of the "mess."



A good "hosing down" is what Ms. Valerie Frazee needs and gets as she attempts to "clean up" her act.

Like Mrs. Lynn Bell, Mr. Harry Biggs asks for and receives "his just due." He follows in Ms. Valerie Frazee's footsteps by hunting for the hose.





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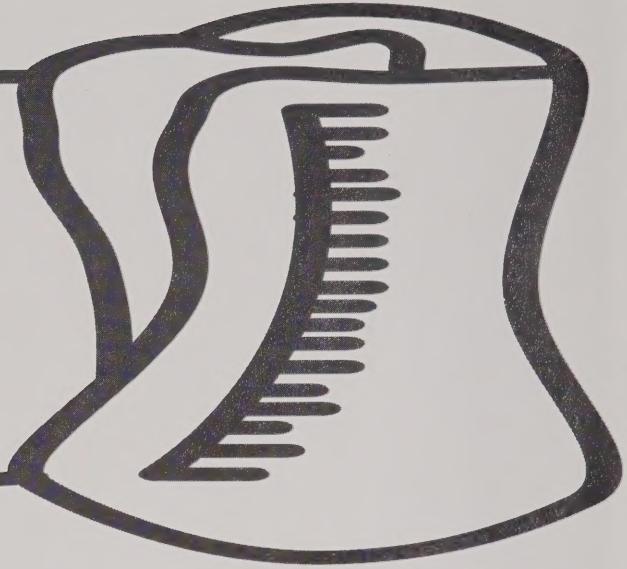
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